



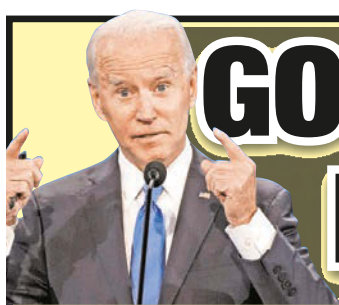
'JOE LIED'

**Whistleblower: I met
with Biden about
biz deal with China**

Appearing at last night's presidential debate, Tony Bobulinski (right) says he was recruited by Hunter Biden in 2015, while Joe Biden was still in office, to help form

a partnership with a Chinese firm to raise millions of dollars. He said Joe Biden has lied about not being aware of his son's activities, and that he's handed proof to the Senate and FBI.

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Well-heeled & bare-ly there



Versace designs are known for their over-the-top decadence — but for Irina Shayk, less is more. The model flaunts her way through Donatella Versace's garden in Milan for November's Vogue Czechoslovakia, going from bikini and robe to nothing but a couple of decorative tiles. "Just doing what I do," Shayk wrote online of the sexy snaps.

'Cannon bowl' bust

Four men were arrested in New Jersey for planning to shoot bowling balls out of a cannon, police said.

Daniel Galloway, 43, and three pals were allegedly caught hauling the weapon through a field on a trailer attached to a pickup truck in Vineland Saturday night after reports of an explosion, NJ.com reported Thursday.

Police, aided by the Atlantic City Bomb Squad, searched the vehicle and allegedly found fireworks, a box of a powdery black "explosive chemical," bowling balls and marijuana. The men were busted on fireworks- and drug-possession charges.

Natalie O'Neill

LEASE IS *NOT* UP

Rents plummet in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens

By ZACHARY KUSSIN

Rents for sky-high buildings have fallen to decade lows.

Median Manhattan rents dropped to \$2,990 in the third quarter — marking the first time that figure has dipped below \$3,000 since 2011, according to a market report released Friday by real-estate listings portal StreetEasy.

This downward trend is picking up steam from 2020's second quarter, when StreetEasy reported that Manhattan rents had fallen for the first time since 2010. At that time,

the figure slipped nearly 3 percent from the second quarter of 2019, to \$3,300.

Demand remains low for new leases as borough residents continue to skip town due to the COVID-19 pandemic — and as others don't need to live near the office. StreetEasy also attributed the lower-than-normal median rent in the third quarter to a record-high share of discounts offered by landlords.

A whopping 44.7 percent of Manhattan rental listings received cuts from July to September — a nearly

23 percent jump from the third quarter of 2019. The discounts themselves also grew larger, with a median 9.1 percent being knocked off the asking price. In dollars, that's \$272, or \$3,264 per year.

For those in the market for a new lease, that means there are deals to be had.

With low demand came a record boost in rental-housing supply. The inventory of available rental units in Manhattan ballooned by 69.8 percent, to 72,267 listings. That's nearly 30,000 more than were recorded during the same quarter last year.

The StreetEasy study also surveyed Brooklyn and Queens. In Brooklyn, the share of discounted rental units also reached a record high, 30.7 percent. Median rent for the borough was \$2,599.

Queens, at a near-high, saw 26.6 percent of units get price cuts, with a median rent of \$2,200. Its supply of rental listings also smashed ceilings. Queens tallied 15,896 units available during the third quarter, marking a 41.1 percent year-over-year spike.

The Bronx and Staten Island were not included in the report.

Debaters erupt not interrupt

By STEVEN NELSON
in Nashville, EBONY
BOWDEN in Washington, DC,
and AARON FEIS in New York

The second and final debate-stage duel between President Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden on Thursday night recaptured the fire of their first prime-time bout — but without descending into its chaos.

Tightly refereed by NBC White House correspondent Kristen Welker and less encumbered by cross-talk than the first tilt due to the new rules about muted microphones, the rematch highlighted the candidates' day-and-night policy differences as they made their closing arguments to America less than two weeks from Election Day.

As it so often has been, the divergence was on display with the candidates' positions on the coronavirus pandemic, the opening topic after they took their podiums at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

"We closed up the greatest economy in the world in order to fight this horrible disease from China," Trump said, returning to the debate stage for the first time since he became one of the more than 8.4 million Americans infected by the coronavirus.

"I want to open our country. We're not going to have a country. The cure cannot be worse than the problem itself."

Biden, while forecasting that America is set to endure "a dark winter" with the virus again ramping up, said that he is not opposed to reopening but that it must be done with caution.

"We ought to be able to walk and chew gum at the same time," he said. "He [Trump] says we're learning to live with it. People are learning to die with it."

Despite unemployment skyrocketing and small businesses getting socked by the pandemic's

economic fallout, Biden stood by his position of raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, a move Trump pounced on.

"You say we have to help our small businesses by raising the minimum wage?" Trump asked. "Alabama is different than New York. New York is different from Vermont. Every state is different. It should be a state option."

Nevertheless, Trump said he would consider a \$15 federal minimum wage in a possible second term.

Trump again cast himself as a champion of jobs and small businesses in his positions on the environment.

"What I want is the cleanest, crystal-clear water, the cleanest air," he said.

"[But] I will not sacrifice tens of millions of jobs, thousands and thousands of companies because of the Paris Accord," he continued, referring to the Obama-era international climate agreement from which Trump withdrew the United States.

Biden swung back, presenting a more aggressive approach to climate change as not a luxury but a necessity.

"We have a moral obligation to deal with it," he said.

"Four more years of this man eliminating all the regulations that were put in place by us to clean up the climate . . . will put us in a position where we're going to be in real trouble."

Biden further touted his climate plan as not a business killer but a business booster, vowing "millions of new, good-paying jobs" in retrofitting buildings and harvesting clean energy.

The 90-plus minute contest saw each candidate depart the stage after landing his share of haymakers, leaving the American people to fill out their scorecards on Nov. 3 or earlier.

Additional reporting by Tamar Lapin and Ben Feuerherd

YOU CAN JUST CALL HIM JOE 'LIE'-DEN

By EBONY BOWDEN
in Washington, DC and STEVEN
NELSON in Nashville, Tenn.

A former business associate of Hunter Biden accused Joe Biden of lying about his involvement in his family's overseas dealings in a stunning appearance just 90 minutes before Thursday's presidential debate.

"I have heard Joe Biden say he has never discussed his dealings with Hunter. That is false. I have firsthand knowledge about this because I directly dealt with the Biden family, including Joe Biden," Tony Bobulinski told reporters in Nashville, Tenn., a day after The Post exclusively reported on those connections.

Bobulinski, who was a guest of President Trump at the debate, showed three phones spanning 2015 to 2018 as evidence and said he would be meeting with the Senate and the FBI to hand over electronics

that contain mountains of evidence about the Bidens' overseas affairs.

The former US Navy officer said he was recruited to work on the business venture in 2015 — while Joe Biden was still vice president — by James Gilliar, a man he had known "for many years."

Gilliar invited Bobulinski to be part of the deal with Chinese-state owned energy company CEFC and what Gilliar called "one of the most prominent families in the United States" — because the Bidens wanted to form a new entity to invest in infrastructure, real estate and technology in the US and around the world.

After Bobulinski agreed to join, he was introduced to the former veep on May 2, 2017, by Hunter Biden and Joe Biden's brother Jim before the Global Milken Conference in Beverly Hills, Calif., he said.

"That night, we discussed the

Bidens' history, the Biden family's plans with the Chinese, with which he was plainly familiar, at least at a high level," Bobulinski said ahead of the final debate between Trump and Biden.

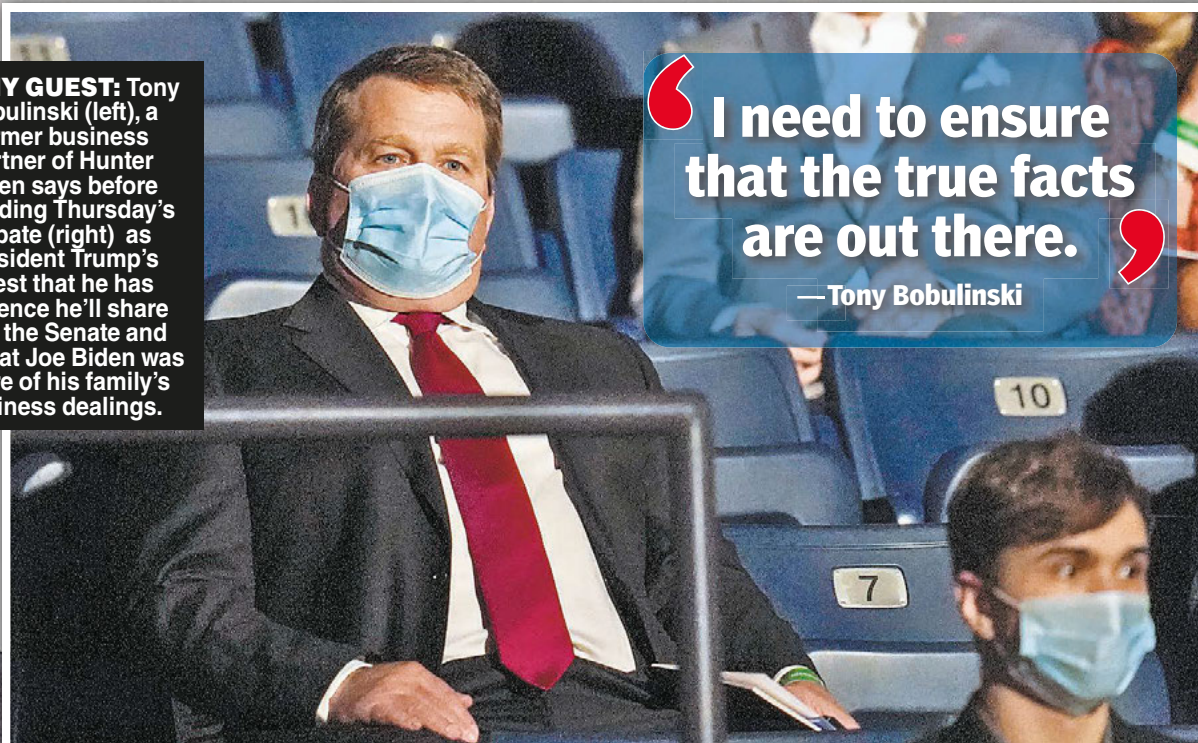
"I have no wish to bury anyone. I've never been political. The few contributions I have made have been to Democrats. But what I am is a patriot, and a veteran, to protect my family name and my business reputation. I need to ensure that the true facts are out there," he said, batting away accusations that he was part of a misinformation plot.

Bobulinski first came forward exclusively to The Post's Michael Goodwin on Wednesday to corroborate e-mails about the Biden family's overseas dealings in China involving both Hunter Biden and uncle Jim Biden.

Bobulinski accused Joe Biden of being directly involved in a venture aimed at raising mil-



BE MY GUEST: Tony Bobulinski (left), a former business partner of Hunter Biden says before attending Thursday's debate (right) as President Trump's guest that he has evidence he'll share with the Senate and FBI that Joe Biden was aware of his family's business dealings.



I need to ensure that the true facts are out there.
— Tony Bobulinski

Hunter biz pal: VP knew of deals

lions of dollars, identifying him as “the big guy” named in a May 13, 2017, e-mail.

That e-mail showed the four partners each getting 20 percent shares in the business, with 10 percent going to “Jim” and the remaining 10 percent “held by H for the big guy?”

Trump jumped on the charges during the debate, telling the Democratic nominee he needed to “clean it up and talk to the American people.”

“All of the e-mails, the e-mails, the horrible e-mails of the kind of money you were raking in, you and your family . . . I think you owe an explanation to the

American people,” Trump said.

Biden swatted away the damaging allegations and insisted they were all part of a Russian misinformation campaign.

“You mean the laptop is now another Russia, Russia, Russia hoax?” an exasperated Trump said in a nod to the discredited probe into his 2016 campaign’s ties to the Kremlin. “You’ve got to be kidding. Here we go again with Russia!”

Earlier Thursday, Bobulinski released a trove of text messages and e-mails from his time as CEO of the company, named SinoHawk Holdings. In one message sent on May 20, 2017,

Gilliar warned Bobulinski not to mention Joe Biden’s involvement in the SinoHawk deal.

“Don’t mention Joe being involved, it’s only when u [sic] are face to face, I know u [sic] know that but they are paranoid,” a screenshot of the message from Gilliar read.

Bobulinski accused Gilliar and fellow partner Rob Walker of being “paranoid about keeping Joe Biden’s involvement secret.”

The Biden family has been dogged for years by allegations of impropriety following Hunter Biden’s lucrative role on the board of Ukrainian energy company Burisma while his fa-

ther was vice president.

A cache of e-mails from a hard drive belonging to Hunter Biden — published exclusively by The Post last week — revealed how the scandal-scarred son tried to leverage his family connections to land lucrative deals overseas and boost his Burisma pay.

Speaking before reporters at a Marriott hotel near the debate site Thursday evening, Bobulinski claimed he had a falling-out with the Biden family when Hunter wanted to pocket \$5 million from an initial \$10 million cash injection into SinoHawk, ponied up by CEFC.

“He said, referring to ‘the chairman,’ his father, that CEFC was really investing in the Biden family, that he held the trump card and that he was the one putting his family legacy on the line,” said Bobulinski, who declined to take questions afterward.

“During these negotiations, I repeated to Hunter and others that SinoHawk could not be Hunter’s personal piggy bank,” he went on.

“CEFC through July 2017 was assuring me the funds would be transferred to SinoHawk, but they were never sent to our company. Instead, I found out from Senator [Ron] Johnson’s September report that the \$5 million was sent in August 2017 to entities affiliated with Hunter,” he said, referring to the Wisconsin Republican’s con-

gressional probe into potential corruption by he Biden family.

Ending the press conference, the former Navy lieutenant said he would be meeting with Johnson’s Senate Homeland Security Committee on Friday.

“Tomorrow I will be meeting with the Senate committee members concerning this matter and I will be providing the FBI the devices which contain the evidence corroborating what I have said, so I will not be taking any questions at this time.”

“Can you tell us a little more about this evidence?” a reporter asked.

“The evidence sits on these three phones, I don’t want to go into anything any further. This will all be discussed with Senator Johnson and his committee and the American people can decide what’s fact,” he said.

In a statement, Biden spokesman Andrew Bates called the allegations a “pathetic farce” and flatly denied that the 77-year-old candidate had ever been involved in overseas business deals with his family.

“Joe Biden has never even considered being involved in business with his family, nor in any overseas business whatsoever . . . What is true is that Tony Bobulinski admitted on the record to Breitbart [News] that he is angry he was not able to go into business with Hunter and James Biden.”

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Spotlight on 'gho\$t town' NY

President Trump said Thursday night that the nation just can't be kept in an indefinite lockdown, pointing to the economic devastation in New York City — which he said has become “a ghost town.”

“If you go and look at what has happened to New York, it's a ghost town. Take a look at what's happening to New York. It's dying,” Trump said during the debate — accusing Joe Biden of wanting to devastate businesses through lockdowns.

“When you talk about Plexiglas, these are restaurants that are dying. These are businesses with no money. Putting up Plexiglas is unbelievably expensive and it's not the answer. I mean, you're going to sit there in a cubicle wrapped in plastic? These are businesses that are dying, Joe, you can't do that to people,” Trump said, also ripping Gov. Cuomo's lockdown policy.

“Take a look at New York and what's happened to my wonderful city. For so many years, I loved it, it was vibrant. It's dying, everyone's leaving New York.”

Biden responded: “We have to say, ‘Wear these masks,’ number one, make sure we get the help that the businesses need. The money's already been passed to do that. It's been out there since the end of this summer and nothing's happened.”

He blamed GOP lawmakers for insufficient action on COVID relief.

Ebony Bowden

Green Joe: I'd move US off oil

Joe Biden said at the final presidential debate Thursday night that he would make the US “transition” from the oil industry if elected president.

Biden was asked by host Kristen Welker about climate change and if regulations would hurt job creation when President Trump challenged him about the oil industry.

“I would transition from the oil industry, yes,” Biden said.

“That's a big statement,” Trump chided him.

Welker asked Biden why he would do that. “Because the oil industry pollutes, significantly,” he said. “It has to be replaced by renewable energy over time, over time. I'd stop giving them federal subsidies.”

Ben Feuerherd

Don was on



MICHAEL GOODWIN

THE best Trump ever.

That's what America saw in Thursday's debate as the president finally found his stride. He was substantive, measured and relatively calm — a combination that enabled him to give the best debate performance I've ever seen from him.

His repeated focus on jobs and economic growth reflected the success of his first three years and why 56 percent of survey respondents recently told Gallup they were better off than four years ago.

The president neglected to mention that important survey, but, asked what he would say to those who didn't vote for him if he won, his answer captured the same optimism: “Success is going to bring us together.”

Where's that guy been hiding?

The appearance was a surprise because this Trump was a completely different person than the rude, snarling president who turned the first debate into a mess and jeopardized his re-election chances. This one learned from those mistakes and was consistently disciplined throughout the 95 minutes.

Yet because most polls show him trailing Joe Biden, Trump was also eager to open another contrast, so he frequently brought up the e-mail evidence that the former vice president was directly implicated in son Hunter's shady business dealings around the globe.

Again, the president was aggressive without being overbearing, yet had to repeat the details because of the outrageous blackouts by Big Media and Big Tech of the stories. But the new charges from Tony Bobulinski, the insider-turned-whistleblower, that he met with Joe Biden personally to discuss a suspect deal with a Chinese energy company will likely force the issue more into the open.



Prez's best debate performance ever

Biden's answer, that “I've never taken a penny from a foreign source in my life,” sounds a lot like his earlier claim that he'd never even discussed his son's businesses with him. We know now that wasn't true.

Notably, however, Biden still did not dispute the specifics of Bobulinski's charges or claim that the e-mails were not authentic.

He huffed and puffed about Trump not releasing his taxes, but that's an old story and the tangled web surrounding the

Biden family business plans is a new one.

Overall, Biden didn't have an especially bad night — until he got near the end. His embrace of climate change and something resembling the Green New Deal led him into a dead end where he declared that “I would transition away from the oil industry.”

Trump pounced, saying, “That's a big statement,” several times. Biden foolishly agreed, saying, “It is a big statement,” and even moderator

Kristen Welker then seemed stunned, asking Biden, “Why would you do that?”

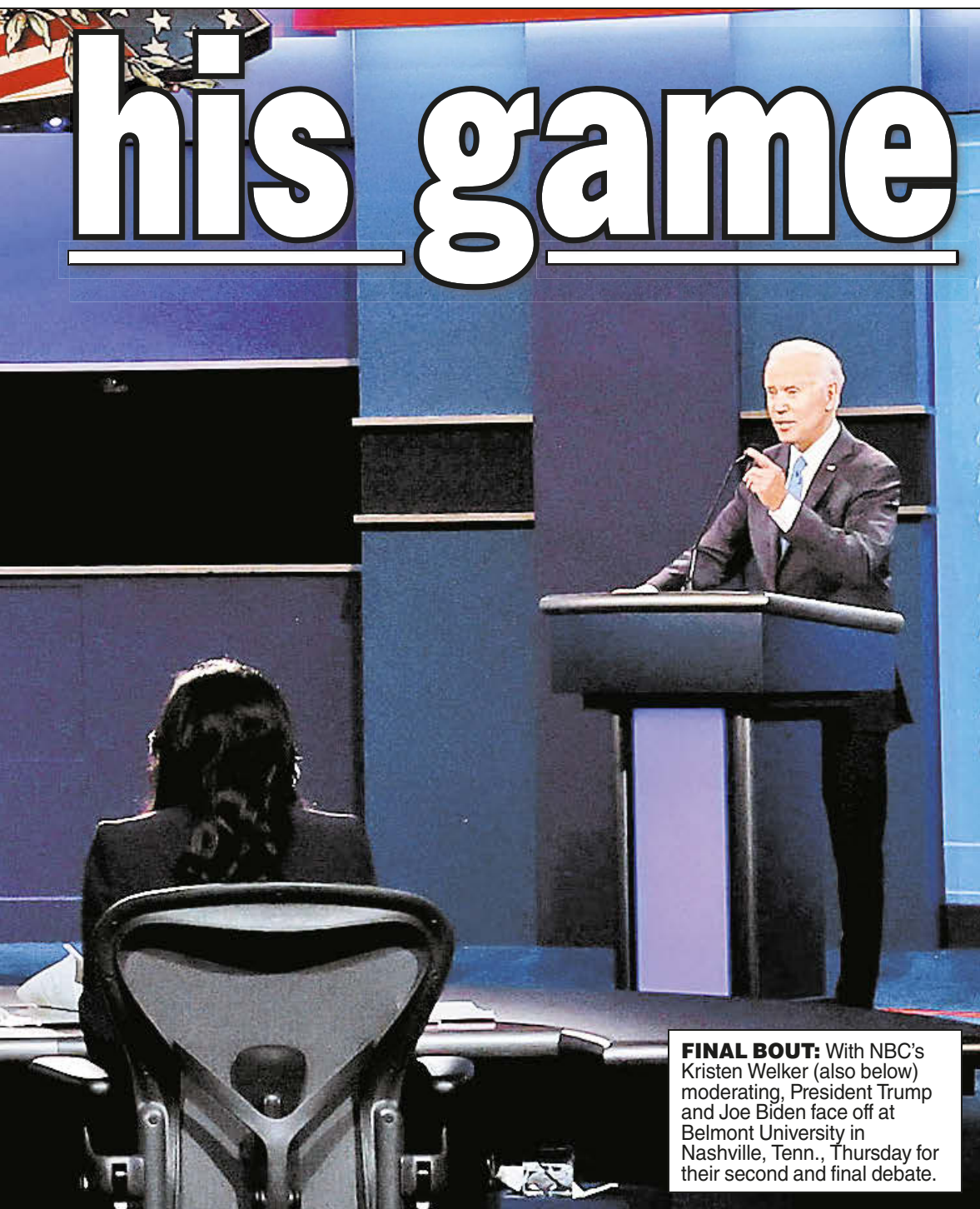
In a perfect summation of their positions, Trump added, “He's going to destroy the oil industry,” and Biden responded, “We have to move toward net-zero emissions.”

Biden's other big problem was that Trump skillfully put the Obama-Biden administration on defense, as if the election were about them instead of him.

On paper, the questions were in Biden's favor. A segment on the coronavirus lasted about 20 minutes, which should have been a



his game



FINAL BOUT: With NBC's Kristen Welker (also below) moderating, President Trump and Joe Biden face off at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., Thursday for their second and final debate.

huge advantage to Biden because he has made the deaths of 220,000 people the centerpiece of his campaign.

Yet Trump, while not winning the exchange on his handling of the virus, played good defense and eventually was able to shift the focus to how fast states should reopen. A clear difference emerged, with Biden endorsing vague conditions for reopening businesses and schools, while Trump emphasized the need to get the economy back up and running, warning that "the cure can't be worse" than the problem.

"There are businesses that are

dying, Joe, you can't do that to people," he said in one effective exchange.

The president was also sharp on other topics that should have been to Biden's advantage. Although Welker reflected the Washington press corps' obsession with race and climate change, Trump managed to contrast what he had done with the record of the previous eight years.

Even on race, he was able to tick off a list of reforms, including in prisons and criminal justice, and ask repeatedly why Biden didn't do the things he's now promising when he had a chance.

At one point, Trump answered his own question, saying, "It's because you're a politician and all talk."

Welker was the best of the three moderators in this cycle, but she still talked and interrupted too much. Why moderators insist on cutting off spontaneous exchanges because "we have a lot of questions to get to" makes no sense. Let them talk!

Perhaps sometime in the next election cycle a moderator will have a brainstorm and realize that 70 million Americans actually tune into hear the two people running for president.

Reuters

SO WHO WON THE NIGHT?

Post pundits weigh in

By NOLAN HICKS

President Trump posted a sharper, calmer performance in his final debate Thursday evening, but it was unclear if his better showing was enough to alter the shape of the race in its closing days, a panel of debate experts told The Post.

Four pundits examined the 90-minute forum in Nashville, Tenn., which featured sharp exchanges over the handling of the coronavirus pandemic, the environment, immigration and foreign policy.

The first half of the debate largely focused on Trump's handling of COVID-19 as the US has struggled to control the outbreak.

"Mr. Trump was more methodical, but it wasn't enough: he needed a game-changer but didn't get one. [Joe] Biden had no significant gaffes that will hurt him over the remaining 12 days," said David Birdsell, dean of the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at CUNY's Baruch College.

The professor told The Post Biden scored points with voters by talking about "practical solutions to balance economic needs and public safety," while the president spent much of the segment on defense about his management of the pandemic.

■ Overall, Birdsell gave Biden a B+ and Trump a C-.

Republican strategist Matt Mackowiak also noted Trump's dramatic change in tone from his much-criticized first debate, during which the president frequently interrupted both the moderator and Biden. And Mackowiak thought Trump's change in style may have an added benefit.

"Trump was sharper and far more disciplined tonight," said Mackowiak, who believes the performance could provide some

late momentum that could help the Republican Party hang on to its slender majority in the Senate.

"Five or six states will decide this thing and they are all within the margin of error," Mackowiak added. "Biden is ahead but Trump can still win."

■ Overall, Mackowiak gave Biden a B- and Trump an A-.

Trump won the White House in 2016 thanks to slender victories in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Fox News' latest polls from those states, released Wednesday, showed that Biden had opened leads of at least 5 percentage points among likely voters in all three before the debate.

Stanching the bleeding and winning over independents is critical to reversing those trends — and a third panelist, former Staten Island GOP Chairwoman Leticia Remauro, thought Trump got the job done.

"This was Trump's best debate ever," the 2021 borough president hopeful said. "He was thoughtful and kept to his theme that Biden couldn't get it done."

She said Trump managed to draw blood by repeatedly pounding Biden for the work that the ex-veep acknowledged remained undone following a decades-long career in the Senate and eight years serving with Barack Obama.

■ Overall, Remauro gave Biden a C and Trump an A+.

Longtime Democratic strategist Eric Soufer, meanwhile, argued that Trump's improved performance from his damaging first debate wouldn't be enough to shift the race — and that Trump's answers on health care, the pandemic and immigration would hurt him in the closing days.

■ Overall, Soufer gave Biden an A and Trump a C-.

Senate firing up grill for heat censors

By NICOLAS VEGA
and MARK MOORE

Mark Zuckerberg and Jack Dorsey — the CEOs of Facebook and Twitter — are being ordered to Capitol Hill to answer for their companies' censorship of The Post's expose on the Biden family's foreign business dealings in Ukraine and China.

Senate Judiciary Committee Republicans on Thursday authorized subpoenas for the execs after accusing them of engaging in "suppression and/or censorship" of The Post's reporting.

The Post last week first reported on an e-mail to Hunter Biden from an adviser to the board of Ukrainian natural gas company Burisma thanking him for the "opportunity" to meet his father at a time Hunter served on the board and his dad was vice president.

Twitter has refused to unlock The Post's account unless The Post deletes tweets about its own reporting. Facebook, meanwhile, suppressed the story in users' news feeds.

The elder Biden had previously said he never discussed his son's overseas dealings with Hunter.

While conservative sites have reported on The Post revelations and some outlets — like Fox News — have expanded on the reporting, liberal media has kept its distance, questioning whether it's a repeat of WikiLeaks releasing Hillary Clinton's hacked e-mails during the 2016 election.

National Public Radio completely dismissed the story.

"We don't want to waste our time on stories that are not really stories, and we don't want to waste the listeners' and readers' time on stories that are just pure distractions. And quite frankly, that's where we ended up, this was . . . a politically driven event and we decided to treat it that way," NPR managing editor Terence Samuel said.

Journalist Ross Barkan blasted the social-media giants for suppressing The Post's story, and blasted the media for not following up on the allegations over fears the material was hacked.

"Journalists and believers of a free press who support this policy in any form do not understand what it is they are endorsing," he wrote in a column this week.

"The most groundbreaking investigative and accountability reporting often relies on information that is acquired in an unauthorized or even illegal way. If journalism were governed

simply by the law that only legal obtained information can be published — hacked material must never see the light of day — many of the most revelatory news stories of the last half-century could not have appeared in newspapers."

Susan Ferrechio, the chief congressional correspondent for The Washington Examiner, ripped CNN's Brian Stelter for de-

fending the Bidens by saying the matter was part of "last season's episode."

"This is not last year's news," she shot back during a panel discussion on BBC Radio 4's "The Media Show." "It's whether or not his son was coordinating to get him to talk to these Ukrainian oligarchs, and he was benefiting from it. It's really dirty."

Stelter said the problem is that media outlets haven't been able to determine whether the e-mails are real.

"Yeah, but that didn't stop anyone from reporting Mueller and the dossier," Ferrechio hit back, referring to special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe and the unsubstantiated claims compiled by former British spy Christopher Steele.

The Biden campaign has said there is no record of a "official" meeting on his schedule, but the presidential nominee has not directly addressed the allegations.

Additional reporting by Steven Nelson



Text to Hunter's biz



By EMMA-JO MORRIS,
EBONY BOWDEN
and BRUCE GOLDING

One of Hunter Biden's business partners was told, "Don't mention Joe being involved," during a text-message exchange with a fellow partner regarding a business being formed with Chinese investors, a fresh cache of records revealed Thursday.

The directive came just days after Joe Biden and his brother, Jim, apparently met with the partner who got the warning, Tony Bobulinski, according to Bobulinski's text messages.

The apparent coverup — which flies in the face of Biden's repeated denials that he's ever discussed his son's business dealings with him — occurred as Bobulinski, Hunter Biden, Jim Biden and two other men were setting up a joint business venture that also involved a since-vanished Chinese energy tycoon in 2017.

"Don't mention Joe being involved, it's only when

u are face to face, I know u know that but they are paranoid," James Gilliar instructed Bobulinski on May 20, 2017, according to a trove of electronic files publicly released.

In response, Bobulinski wrote, "OK they should be paranoid about things."

"For real," Gilliar replied during the conversation using the encrypted WhatsApp messaging service.

It's unclear who "they" refers to, but in another message sent the same day, Bobulinski told Gilliar, "You need to stress to H, does he want to be the reason or factor that blows up his dad's campaign, things need to be done right and protective of that fact."

Those exchanges followed a series of May 2, 2017, text messages apparently tied to Joe Biden's speech the next morning at the annual Milken Institute Global Conference in Beverly Hills, Calif.

At 3:56 p.m., Hunter Biden sent Bobulinski a message that said, "Dad not in now until 11-lets me I [sic] and Jim meet at 10 at Beverly Hilton

partner: Keep dad's name out

James Gilliar - J2CR

The job is to deal with chairman and Larry in New York, behind schemes, u suggest he will feel important

- ▶ Ask if they have recommendation, or I would do it short term if needed. But maybe he feels better if H puts there a friend, with no power but reporting coma
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- ▶ Don't mention Joe being involved, it's only when u are face to face, I know u know that but they are paranoid

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MUM'S THE WORD: In the latest missive entangling Joe and Hunter Biden, one of Hunter's business associates was told in a 2017 text, "Don't mention Joe's involvement" in a venture with Chinese interests.

'Don't mention Joe'



Kamala in e-mail on China venture

An e-mail sent by Joe Biden's brother, Jim, to Hunter Biden and others regarding a potential business venture with a now-bankrupt Chinese conglomerate included the name of Biden's running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris, according to a report.

The e-mail, dated May 15, 2017, was part of a trove released by Tony Bobulinski, a former business partner of Hunter Biden.

In the correspondence, Jim Biden shares a list of "key domestic contacts for phase one target projects" for the venture with CEFC China Energy Co.

The list included prominent Democrats such as Sens. Harris (above) and Dianne Feinstein of California, Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Gov. Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio.

The e-mail's subject line read: "Phase one domestic contacts/projects."

It is unclear if any of the lawmakers listed were ever contacted for any reason related to the e-mail.

E-mails obtained by The Post earlier this month showed Hunter Biden pursued lucrative deals involving CEFC China Energy Co.

Aside from Hunter Biden, the other recipients in the e-mail were identified as Tony Bobulinski, Rob Walker and James Gilliar.

The Biden campaign did not immediately respond to The Post's request for comment on the new e-mail including Harris' name.

Emily Jacobs

where he's staying."

About eight hours later, at 11:40 p.m., Bobulinski sent a message to Jim Biden that said, "Great to meet u and spend some time together, please thank Joe for his time, was great to talk thx Tony b."

Meanwhile, in between the apparent meeting and the warning to Bobulinski, Gilliar sent a May 13, 2017, e-mail to Bobulinski, Hunter Biden and a fourth partner, Rob Walker, about their formation of a new company.

That e-mail — exclusively revealed by The Post last week — showed the four partners each getting 20 percent shares in the business, with 10 percent going to "Jim" and the remaining 10 percent "held by H for the big guy?"

In a statement Wednesday, Bobulinski, a former US Navy officer, confirmed the e-mail's authenticity.

"The reference to 'the big guy' in the much publicized May 13, 2017 e-mail is in fact a refer-

ence to Joe Biden," Bobulinski said.

"The other 'JB' referenced in that email is Jim Biden, Joe's brother."

Written agreements show that Hunter Biden, Jim Biden, Bobulinski, Gilliar and Walker formed a limited liability company called Oneida Holdings and split its ownership among them equally.

The company later entered into an agreement with another firm, called Hudson West IV, for a joint venture, SinoHawk Holdings, with Oneida to provide Hudson with consulting services for projects including infrastructure, energy and financial services.

Documents show the president of Hudson West IV was Gongwen Dong, a reported associate of Ye Jianming, who at the time was chairman of China's largest private energy company, CEFC China Energy Co.

Ye, who had ties to China's military and intelligence agencies, disappeared after being taken into custody by Chinese authorities,

according to reports.

A July 26, 2017, e-mail from CEFC executive Zhao Runlong to Bobulinski said that "Chairman Ye" and "Director Zang," an apparent reference to CEFC Executive Director Zang Jian Jun, "fully support the framework of establishing the JV, based on their trust on [sic] BD family."

Zhao also said that "5 million is lent to BD family in the 10 million charter capital . . . This 5 million loan to BD family is interest-free. But if the 5M is used up, should CEFC keep lending more to the family? If CEFC lends more, they need to know the interest rate for the subsequent loan(s)."

In a statement, Biden spokesman Andrew Bates called the allegations a "pathetic farce" and flatly denied that the 77-year-old candidate had ever been involved in overseas business deals with his family.

Neither Hunter Biden's lawyer, Jim Biden nor Gilliar immediately responded to requests for comment.

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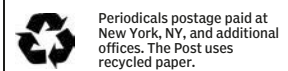
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■ Evening Win-4 Thu.: **3748**
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■ Cash-4-Life Thu.: **14, 15, 26, 29, 52**; Cash Ball: **1**
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Dan Herrick

Go take a hike, Blasio!

Pols rip into his on-the-job strolls

RAMBLIN' MAN: Mayor de Blasio heads for South Street Seaport during one of his routine meanderings.

By JULIA MARSH,
CARL CAMPANILE
and ALEX TAYLOR

Politicians from The Bronx to Staten Island blasted Mayor de Blasio's middle-of-the-work-day walks, exposed by The Post on Thursday, as evidence of a lack of leadership at City Hall.

"These aimless strolls may be an apt metaphor for the aimless and rudderless leadership in New York City," said Councilman Ritchie Torres (D-Bronx), who is running for a House seat.

"Change can't come soon enough," he said, noting de Blasio's term ends in 2021.

Since pandemic restrictions shut his Park Slope YMCA, preventing his workouts there, Hizzoner has been taking twice-daily meanderings, including

30-minute loops in lower Manhattan in the mornings and hour-plus jaunts around his old Brooklyn, neighborhood in the early afternoon.

Councilman Robert Holden (D-Queens) said de Blasio's solo walkabouts show his administration is unraveling.

"Things are not going his way, and staffers who have jumped ship have nothing good to say about their experiences under his regime. I guess it gets terribly lonely at the top," he said.

Even Rep. Max Rose and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis — who have been bitterly at odds in the race for Staten Island's House seat — were in agreement on de Blasio's strolls.

"If he's going to be spending this much time aimlessly walking, just walk away and don't

come back. Then we can get to work fixing this city a year earlier," Rose (D) told The Post.

Malliotakis (R) said, "Typical Bill de Blasio, go for a leisurely stroll while the city crumbles."

Regular New Yorkers also expressed their disgust.

"We have a crisis going on and to see that is just a disgrace," fumed Daniel Hutchins, 33, of Astoria, Queens, who owns a moving company and moonlights as a musician.

"Where everyone else is doubling down on work because of what is going on and he just seems to live in la-la land. Everybody sees the same thing. This is something we can all agree that he is a complete disgrace."

Edgar Armijo, 26, who was installing a hardwood floor in Park Slope, shook his head in

disbelief at Hizzoner's routine.

"I don't know, man," he said.

"Maybe just take an hour for lunch? I think he's lazy. People work too hard in this city for that."

The notoriously tardy de Blasio argued at a City Hall press briefing Thursday — which started 30 minutes late — that he needs to take hour-plus, midday rambles to do his job.

"Walking is very calming, and a lot of times when I'm dealing with complicated decisions I actually prefer to walk during a conference call," he said.

"I find that the process of walking is calming," he added "It's clarifying, it helps you think through stuff."

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Like DeB, City Hall reports are tardy, too

Can City Hall get anything done on time?

While Mayor de Blasio has enough time on his hands to go on daily walkabouts, his administration is blowing deadline after deadline in providing the City Council with legally mandated reports about the shape and function of municipal government.

The late reports run the gamut from the Health Department's examination of maternal mortality rates, to the city's plan to combat homelessness and even the first progress report for Hizzoner's own much-ballyhooed Green New Deal, The City reported on Thursday.

The news site's revela-

tion about City Hall's tardiness came on the same day The Post revealed that Hizzoner has been taking daily mid-morning and midday breaks to walk around South Street Seaport and his old Park Slope, Brooklyn, neighborhood during work hours.

Over the years, City Council representatives

have passed laws requiring city agencies to provide more than 800 reports, updates and other briefings or summaries about city government's myriad functions and programs.

A spokeswoman for the administration blamed the coronavirus for its inability to get the reports out in a timely manner.

"Our city agencies have heroically worked to balance the urgent demands of the pandemic with non-COVID projects," Avery Cohen told The City.

"In the interest of complete transparency, all agencies have been reminded to submit pending reports as soon as possible." *Nolan Hicks*

'Anarchy' cities sue Donald

New York City, Seattle and Portland, Ore., sued President Trump on Thursday for his administration's decision to place the three cities on a list of "anarchist jurisdictions" eligible to lose federal funds.

The 51-page complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief was filed in Seattle at the US District Court for the Western District of Washington.

It calls the labeling of "anarchist jurisdictions" an "oxymoronic designation without precedent in American jurisprudence."

The actions of the defendants — which, in addition to the president, include Attorney General Bill Barr, Office of Management and Budget Director Russell Vought and acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf — "violate bedrock principles of American democracy: separation of powers, federalism and due process," the lawsuit charges.

New York City Corporation Counsel James Johnson said \$12 billion in federal funding was potentially at stake for the Big Apple.

That figure represents nearly 13 percent of the city's fiscal year 2020 operating budget of about \$97 billion. *Julia Marsh and Natalie Musumeci*

Cuffed man flees cops

A cuffed inmate pushed a cop and ran off while being transported in Harlem on Thursday, police said.

The 25-year-old man had just been discharged from the hospital, and officers were taking him to a station house to be processed at around 9:50 a.m. when he took off near Lenox Avenue and West 137th Street, according to cops.

Police were canvassing the neighborhood.

"He's cuffed, so he shouldn't be that hard to find," a police spokesman said.

The man was in custody for violating an order of protection. *Amanda Woods*

AMY PHOTO FINISH



PICTURE SHOW: Democrats left photos of ObamaCare recipients while boycotting Thursday's Senate committee confirmation vote, presided over by Lindsey Graham, for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett (right).

Panel OK despite Dem boycott

By MARK MOORE

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 12-0 to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court after the Democratic members of the panel boycotted the hearing.

The nomination will now move to a full Senate vote on Monday.

Chairman Lindsey Graham (R-SC) said Thursday he would not allow Democrats to derail the Judiciary Committee's confirmation vote for Barrett after some Dems left blown-up photos of people who benefited from ObamaCare in their places.

"We're not going to allow them to take over the committee," Graham said in his opening statement. "They made a choice not to participate after allowing Judge Barrett four days to be questioned."

"That is a choice they are making," he continued. "I believe it does a disservice to Judge Barrett, who deserves a vote, up or down."

President Trump hailed the vote, which puts his nominee to fill the vacancy left by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the path to confirmation.

"Judiciary Committee approves Judge Barrett. Moves to full Senate for final vote. Big day for America!" he said on Twitter.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) said Wednesday that members of his party would not take part in the confirmation vote because of how Republicans handled Barrett's nomination.

He called it "the most rushed, most partisan and least legitimate process in Supreme Court nomination history."

Schumer added that Democrats would "not provide the quorum that is required," referencing a Senate rule requiring members of the opposite party to be present to conduct government business.

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) described the hearing room devoid of

the panel's Democratic members as a "surreal environment."

"Our Democratic colleagues announced they are going to boycott one of the most important votes this committee will have probably during our entire senatorial tenure," he said. "That is a vote to confirm, to provide advice and consent to a nominee of the Supreme Court of the United States."

He then looked around the room, where some of the Democrats had left the photo blow-ups.

"I just want to comment on the pictures that are in their chairs, like this is some sort of sporting event during COVID-19 and rather than show up and do their job, they choose to continue this theater," Cornyn said.

Republicans have bristled at Democrats' claim that ObamaCare is in jeopardy if Barrett joins the court. But Trump told CBS's "60 Minutes" that "it will be so good" if the court puts an end to the law. The



court is set to hear a Trump-backed case against it on Nov. 10.

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) also lambasted Democrats for refusing to appear for the vote.

"It is a shame that our colleagues on the other side, having failed to lay a glove on Judge Barrett, have walked out on this process and in so doing, walk out on the American people," he said.

Barrett, 48, would lock a 6-3 conservative court majority for the foreseeable future. That could open a new era of rulings on abortion access, gay marriage and even the results of this year's presidential election.

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Joe: How I'd get high court back in 'whack'

Joe Biden wants to appoint a bipartisan commission to reform the Supreme Court system because it's "getting out of whack," he said.

The former veep pushed the proposal in an interview with "60 Minutes" Norah

O'Donnell that's set to air in full on Sunday, nine days before the election.

"If elected, what I will do is I'll put together a national commission of — [a] bipartisan commission of scholars, constitutional scholars, Dem-

ocrats, Republicans, liberal, conservative," Biden said.

"And I will ask them to, over 180 days, come back to me with recommendations as to how to reform the court system because it's getting out of whack, the way in

which it's being handled, and it's not about court packing."

Biden and his running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, have dodged questions about whether they support expanding the highest court in the land —

a k a "packing" it — beyond nine justices.

Other Democrats have suggested packing the court as its balance of power tilts increasingly to the right.

*Lia Eustachewich
and Aaron Feis*

UPI

Bullets strike 15 and kill 3

2-day NYC gun toll

By AMANDA WOODS, TINA MOORE and GEORGETT ROBERTS

Fifteen people were shot — three fatally — in 10 incidents across the city Wednesday and Thursday, police said.

A 23-year-old man was shot in the right arm on Roosevelt Island at around 1 a.m. Thursday and hospitalized in stable condition, cops said.

Then, at 3:30 a.m., a 32-year-old man was shot in the torso at East 181st Street and Valentine Avenue in the West Bronx, cops said. He reported hearing shots and feeling pain and went to St. Barnabas Hospital, where he was in stable condition, cops said.

A possible second victim walked himself into the same hospital with a gunshot wound to his left leg, authorities said.

The gunplay continued into the afternoon, when a 23-year-old man was shot at around 2 p.m. at 720 Kingsborough Walk in Brooklyn. He suffered a graze wound to his head and was expected to survive, cops said.

At around 4:30 p.m., a person was shot at 120 Chauncey St. in Brooklyn, cops said.

On Wednesday, a total of 11 people were shot in six incidents.

Aaron Santiago, 23, was on his way home with friends on Anderson Avenue near West 166th Street in The Bronx's Highbridge section at around 11:40 p.m. when he was killed in a drive-by shooting, police sources said.

He was struck in the head by shots fired from a late-model SUV, sources said.

An hour earlier, one man was killed and five other people hurt in a drive-by shooting on Hawthorne Street near Nostrand Avenue in Prospect Lefferts Gardens that appeared to be gang-related, according to cops and police sources.

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A 23-year-old man was taken to Kings County Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Four other men, ages 26, 27, 28, and 29, and a 29-year-old woman were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries.

They were shot when a white Infiniti backed into a driveway and its driver and passenger popped off rounds from the window and sunroof before fleeing, according to the sources.

"I heard the shots," a woman passing the scene said on Thursday. "My son was parking his car. He ran upstairs. [It was like] the frigging Wild, Wild West."

Another neighbor said: "It was like 'pop, pop, pop,' pause, 'pop, pop, pop, pop.'"

In another shooting, a 28-year-old man was fatally shot outside an apartment complex on Herkimer Street near Hunterfly Place at about 9:35 p.m., cops said.

The unidentified man was struck several times and was declared dead at Kings County Hospital, authorities said.

About 10 minutes earlier, a 48-year-old man was shot once in the left hand and once in the leg at West 212th Street and Broadway in Inwood, police sources said.

Hours earlier, a 27-year-old man was shot in the left shoulder and ankle on East 115th Street near Third Avenue at around 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday's first shooting in the city happened at around 3:30 a.m. in Chelsea.

The 32-year-old victim told police he was hit at the corner of West 26th Street and Ninth Avenue.

On Wednesday's date last year, which was a Monday, only one shooting was reported.

MAXWELL'S

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Played dumb in grilling on Ep's kid-sex abuses



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NOT since President Bill Clinton said, “It depends on what the meaning of the word ‘is’ is,” has the world seen such disingenuous parsing.

Ghislaine Maxwell, in a freshly unsealed deposition from 2016 that was released Thursday, surpassed her good friend Bill in cynical misunderstandings of simple words and concepts.

Pressed on what she knew about child-sex-trafficker-rapist Jeffrey Epstein, for whom she allegedly recruited underage girls — girls she, too, allegedly sexually abused — Maxwell sounded like someone who barely speaks English or has suffered a massive brain bleed.

On whether she ever recruited females for Epstein: “First of all, can you please clarify the question? I don’t understand what you mean by ‘female.’ I don’t understand what you mean by ‘recruit.’”

The lawyer representing alleged victim Virginia Giuffre asked Maxwell if she identified as female.

“Again,” Maxwell said, “I don’t understand what ‘female’ — I am a 54-year-old woman.”

This is someone who flew around the world, entertaining at least one US president, heads of state, royalty — Prince Andrew, the world will never let you escape this — billionaires, titans of tech and industry. Yet Maxwell repeatedly requested clarifications such as:

“What do you mean by ‘romantic’?”

“What do you mean by ‘know’?”

“What do you mean by ‘prostitution’?”

“What’s a sex toy?”

To the question, “Did she look like a child?” Maxwell responds, “I don’t know what you mean, if she looked like a child.”

On whether she preyed on school grounds for schoolgirls: “What do you mean by ‘school’? Let’s characterize ‘school.’”

Incredibly, only one person banged the table in frustration here, and it wasn’t the interrogating lawyer. It was Maxwell.

Q: “Did you or Jeffrey Epstein ever ask any female to become pregnant and carry Jeffrey Epstein’s baby for you or for Jeffrey?”

Ghislaine: “You need to be very specific.”

Upon the presentation of a police report in which 30 minor children alleged Epstein sexually abused them — one 13-year-old girl “upset [and] crying hysterically”:

“Do you believe that Jeffrey Epstein abused minor children?”

Ghislaine: “Can you explain what you mean by the question actually?”

Like the psychopath she is, Maxwell displayed no emotion when questioned about the most disgusting things anyone could be accused of: grooming young girls and teenagers as sex slaves, abusing them, forc-



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PARSIN'S TALE:

Ghislaine Maxwell feigned confusion at many questions about her allegedly recruiting girls for sex with Jeffrey Epstein (with her above). But conveniently, Maxwell (also near left and far left) remembered key accuser Virginia Giuffre (left with Prince Andrew), whom she called a liar.

fects, chefs, interior decorators, gardeners and pilots — though she expressed confusion as to whether she technically “interviewed” them before “hiring” them.

A regular Lady of the Manor who saw nothing, heard nothing and is sure of nothing except that Giuffre is making this all up for money and fame. (Exactly the kind of fame every young girl dreams of, right?)

“An awful fantasist,” Maxwell called Giuffre, “... an absolute, total liar, and you all know she lied on multiple things ... Her entire story is one giant tissue of lies.”

An unfortunate image, that tissue.

How telling that Maxwell didn’t prevaricate here. For someone who claims not to know anything about this decades-long criminal enterprise, how could Maxwell have been so sure Giuffre is a liar who is lying about everything? After all, you can’t prove a negative.

This entire deposition is yet another violation of Epstein’s victims. But what it lacks in detail it more than makes up for in character study, revealing Maxwell as the vile, vainglorious, supercilious and unremorseful criminal she’s accused of being.

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ing them to have sex with much older men, taking their passports and rendering them powerless. Not even when asked about two 12-year-old girls allegedly presented to Epstein as a birthday present did Maxwell flinch.

Instead, she expressed indignity at this sordid line of questioning — “You don’t ask me questions like that!” she snapped at one point — and, incredibly, condescended to the white-shoe lawyer conducting this deposition that “perhaps you are not really familiar with what massage is.”

“I am,” the lawyer says. “I don’t need a

lecture on massage.”

“I think you do.”

“Massage,” in Epstein’s realm, was code for sex with minors. Self-awareness is clearly not Maxwell’s strong suit.

Instead, she’s very concerned here with making sure her interlocutors know just how essential she was to Epstein’s empire. She was something of the house photographer, she said, and while, sure, there may have been a nude photo shoot here or there, “I mostly take pictures of landscapes and things ... architectural pieces.”

Her job, she said, was also to hire archi-

Barrymore's grave error

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Back to reality

VH1 is back in the New York groove. The network exclusively tells Page Six that it's making a one-off reunion special about **Tiffany** "New York" **Pollard**, the iconic reality star of the mid-2000s. Pollard shot to fame on VH1's "Flavor of Love" in 2006, then starred in her own spinoff dating show, "I Love New York." We're told "I Love New York: Re-united" will bring Pollard back together with some of her favorite contestants to "revisit the show's greatest moments, break down the biggest heartbreaks, and dive into how the cast members' lives have evolved through the years." It premieres Nov. 23.



What a doll

WHAT do you get the pop star who has everything? **Elton John** (above) now has his very own Barbie: The "Tiny Dancer" edition commemorates the 45th anniversary of Sir Elton's famed Dodger Stadium show. The limited-edition doll wears a flashy bomber jacket, flared denim pants with "E" and "J" emblazoned on the legs and rainbow platforms. The Post's **Sophie Cannon** reports. Also included are Barbie-size versions of the singer's signature shades and a bowler hat.

A psychic stunned viewers of **Drew Barrymore's** talk show by summoning the spirit of one of the actress' dead relatives on-air. And none could have been more stunned than the relative in question — who turns out to be alive and well in Boston.

Now Barrymore's ex-husband is calling the medium "a submental hack."

Psychic **Anna Raimondi** gave her a reading on the show last week, and said she sensed the aura of a "judge."

Barrymore burst into tears, identifying the judge as David — a relative of her ex-husband **Will Kopelman** — whom she said had died.

The psychic stoked Barrymore's emotions,

saying the presence of Kopelman's family was evidence that "you are . . . a part of that family — it doesn't matter [that] the two of you are not together anymore."

A small problem with the revelation: Judge **David Kopelman** is 82 and doing just fine.

Art consultant Will — who was married to Barrymore from 2012 to 2016 — told us, "Drew and I have a close and highly amicable co-parenting relationship; I have and always will continue to cheer her on from the sidelines. That being said, the segment was a solid laugh considering my uncle Judge David Kopelman is still very much alive."

He added, "And I'm a little surprised that

Drew chose to give oxygen to someone like this, because self-entitled mediums who prey on vulnerable bereaved people with claims they can communicate with their dead loved ones in exchange for fame and compensation all belong in jail. None of my dead relatives — all of whom I'm sure would have really liked Drew — are speaking with some submental hack working the talk show circuit. This I assure you."

A rep for Barrymore told us, "The grandfather of Will is Frank, who was a judge and is deceased. David is . . . Will's uncle, who's alive and also a judge. That was the confusion."

The psychic said: "I felt a judge who is passed. Drew said David. I only felt a judge."

Sexual union

IT was tough to compete with the sexual prowess of **Eddie Murphy** at the height of his career. Actor **David Alan Grier** found that out the hard way. Grier told Page Six that when he was appearing in 1992 movie "Boomerang" with Murphy and **Martin Lawrence**, he found himself in a conversation with the pair about their romantic adventures — and did his best to keep up. "I remember Eddie and Martin were going back and forth talking about the famous women they had slept with," said Grier, who just received his fourth Tony nomination, for Featured Actor in "A Soldier's Play." "And at one point they looked at me and said, 'David, you ain't been with nobody famous?' And I couldn't even front — and the sad thing was I wasn't trying to be funny — I just looked at them and said, 'I f--ked a girl with a SAG card.'"

Bell tolls for duo

HOPEFULLY they didn't get matching tattoos? Actress **Lake Bell** and celeb tattoo artist **Scott Campbell** have split up. Bell posted to fans on Instagram: "After 9 years together, 7 years married, 2 sparkling children, Scott and I are ending our marriage but continuing our loving family." Campbell said he and Bell are "parental comrades . . . and best friends for all of our days." They met on the set of HBO's "How To Make It in America" in 2011, and wed two years later in New Orleans. On the show, he played himself and gave her character a tat. In 2017, the couple sold their circa-1852 Clinton Hill townhouse for \$2.29 million — which got a lot of ink (the newsprint kind), since it was one of the city's oldest homes for sale. The couple moved to LA around the same time, after the birth of their first child.



Bey's knees: Beyoncé brings some beauty to a landscape while modeling her latest Ivy Park collection.

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Blood on dance floor over un-'Real' story

AN allegedly made-up story in OK! Magazine created some very real drama between **Bethenny Frankel** and **Tyra Banks**. On Monday, the tabloid published a story that quoted sources saying that new "Dancing With the Stars" host Banks had made "it clear behind the scenes that all of the 'Real Housewives' cast members have been banned from the show" — and named Frankel as one of the personae non gratae (even though she left the Bravo show last season). Surprisingly, it seemed to set off Frankel, who tweeted Thursday, "Good to know @tyrabanks has clumped me in her no more housewives mandate on ['DWTS']. Also good to know their casting director **Deena [Katz]**, who I [love] has asked me to be on that show multiple [times] in the last decade. I'm also no longer a housewife, but nobody is bigger than the game Tyra." Frankel eventually deleted the tweet, and posted another one inviting Banks on her podcast. Meanwhile, Banks' publicist exclusively told PageSix.com's **Chelsea Hirsch** the OK! story is "100 percent untrue. She's a huge fan of the 'Housewives' and everyone knows Tyra is a businesswoman first. As a businesswoman, why would she say anything against the 'Housewives'? She has nothing to do with casting."

Rob redux

“KEEPING Up with the Kardashians” is coming to a close after next season, but camera-shy brother **Rob Kardashian** is starting to re-emerge on the series just in time for its swan song. **Khloé Kardashian** revealed in July that her reclusive bro would return to the family reality series, and he made an appearance in honor of the show’s special for **Kim Kardashian’s** 40th birthday, which was Wednesday. **Khloé, Kourtney Kardashian, Kris Jenner, Scott Disick** and Rob gathered to go over some of Kim’s more “cringey” moments on the show, including her attempt to become a pop star with her single “Jam (Turn It Up).” The series will wrap after 14 years.



Adele reads over scripts ahead of her hosting gig on “SNL.” She captioned the pic, “3 days to go.”

@Adele/Instagram

Why Garson chose not to come out as straight

WILLIE Garson played one of cable TV’s most memorable gay characters on HBO’s “Sex and the City” — but he never liked to talk about the fact that he was actually straight in real life, he told PageSix.com’s

Nicki Gostin.

“For years I didn’t talk about it because I found it to be offensive to gay people,” said Garson, who played Carrie’s friend Stanford Blatch on the series from 1998 to 2004.

Garson added that when interviewers asked him about his sexuality, he’d say, “When I was on ‘NYPD Blue,’ nobody ever asked me if I was a murderer. This is what we do for a living — portray people.”

Critics pan Lily’s film

LILY James has missed a number of promotional appearances for her new Netflix film “Rebecca,” lately — but perhaps it’s all for the best: The remake of a Hitchcock classic is being largely savaged by critics. Images recently surfaced of James seemingly smooching her married co-star of a future project, **Dominic West**. She then canceled numerous interviews promoting her current film with **Armie Hammer**. (James finally appeared on “The Tonight Show” this week, and host **Jimmy Fallon** didn’t bother to ask her questions about the West brouhaha, instead sticking to issues like ghosts and the possibility of another “Mama Mia!” sequel.) Critics are drubbing “Rebecca” as a “blandly glossy melodrama” (Hollywood Reporter), “sometimes dumb, sometimes dull” (Time), and an “unfortunate waste of time” (Vulture). The Post’s review, on Page 33, added, “For now, James’ most gripping story about a spurned wife can be found, not on Netflix, but on Page Six.” Meanwhile, West, who has said alongside his wife that their marriage is still strong, is in talks to join the cast of another Netflix project — hit series “The Crown” — as Prince **Charles**. He and James are currently filming the Amazon miniseries “The Pursuit of Love,” based on the 1945 Nancy Mitford novel.

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Anna Wintour wears brown and a frown as she walks in NYC.



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Macy's shelves Santa amid pandemic

By NATALIE O'NEILL

Santa Claus *isn't* coming to town. St. Nick won't meet kids at Macy's flagship store in Midtown this year, halting a 160-year-old holiday tradition, the department-store chain said on Thursday.

Even the jolly man in red doesn't want to take any chances with COVID-19 in the Herald Square department store's often-crowded Santaland display, where tots are normally invited to sit on Santa's lap.

Santa Claus has drawn crowds at the Macy's since the early 1860s. In 1947, Macy's had a starring role in the classic film "Miracle on 34th Street," where a girl finds the real Santa inside the shop.

But during a pandemic, it's too difficult to create a safe environment inside the store, where roughly a quarter-million people typically visit St. Nick each year, Macy's said.

Instead, the company will offer kids free online tours of Santa's workshop and a chance to take virtual selfies with Kris Kringle.

"Moving to a virtual engagement will safely bring the magic of Santa Claus to children of all ages this year," Macy's said in a statement.

The online experience will be available from Nov. 27 to Dec. 24.

Santa also won't show up at the company's Chicago and San Francisco stores.

He will still appear at the end of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which this year will be pre-taped with no crowd.

But some other large malls around the country will still offer in-person visits this year while restricting kids from sitting on Santa's lap and requiring social distancing.

Brookfield Properties, the second-largest mall operator in the US, will have Father Christmas in 134 of its more than 150 malls — just behind plexiglass, according to CNN.

He will also comply with local mask mandates, the company said.

With Wires



HO, NO! Santa won't be meeting kids at Macy's flagship store this year, a tradition made famous in "Miracle on 34th Street."

Ol' Saint Nixed on 34th Street

20th Century Fox Film Corp.

Kids, are you here? DOE has no idea

The city Department of Education is still in the dark on school attendance a month into the academic year.

Mayor de Blasio said at his daily briefing Thursday that the complex reopening format has made it difficult to assess how many kids are showing up to their remote and in-person classes.

"We have a very unusual situation," he said. "The hesitation is to make sure the numbers are accurate in what has been an ever-changing situation."

Kids enrolled in the DOE's blended learning format alternate between classroom and remote instruction.

"Schools are still adjusting to having three things happening simultaneously and getting attendance right," de Blasio said, adding that he expected the first set of numbers soon.

Some teachers have reported alarmingly low attendance for classroom and remote sessions alike and said they have yet to be given specific guidance as to what qualifies as a "present" child.

"I get that it's more complicated than a normal year," said a Bed-Stuy elementary school teacher.

"But we have some kids who are just floating out there. That's a concern."

Part of the problem, officials have said, is the lack of reliable devices or Internet service for lower-income city students.

Selim Algar and Julia Marsh

Wall Streeters cash in on COVID Remdesivir gets FDA's OK

Wall Street earnings soared during the peak of the coronavirus pandemic — despite sky-high state-wide unemployment that put 500,000 Big Apple residents out of work.

The securities industry raked in pretax profits of \$27.6 billion for the first six months of 2020 — nearly matching 2019's total of \$28.1 billion.

That's an eye-popping 82 percent increase compared with the same

six-month period last year, according to a new report released by state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli.

DiNapoli said the \$2.4 trillion federal stimulus package, interest rates cut to zero, reduced borrowing costs and frenetic trading "drove profits dramatically upward to a level hard to imagine in March."

He also said Wall Street's profits were good for state and city budgets "because the securities industry

provides an outsized source of revenue," but they also reflected a disconnect with "the pain being felt on Main Street."

The securities-and-trading industry accounted for 18 percent — or \$15.1 billion — of all state tax collections last year and 6 percent of the city's tax collections. Still, the industry is slated to lose around 7,300 jobs this year.

Bernadette Hogan, Carl Campanile, Thornton McEnery

The FDA has approved the antiviral drug remdesivir as a treatment for patients hospitalized with COVID-19.

The approval was announced Thursday by the drug's maker, Gilead Sciences, which touted it as the first coronavirus treatment to win the agency's full go-ahead.

Remdesivir — which Gilead is now calling Veklury — gained widespread attention when President Trump received a five-dose

course of it after he contracted the coronavirus three weeks ago.

The drug is administered intravenously over five days and was initially developed by Gilead to fight Ebola.

The drug received emergency-use Food and Drug Administration approval in May after a trial by the US National Institutes of Health showed that it cut coronavirus recovery time from 15 days to 11.

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Party kids back at NYU

Three NYU students have won a court case fighting their suspensions from school after photos showed them maskless at an off-campus party before the semester started.

Student athletes Elnaz “Elle” Pourasgari, Marc Santonocito and Ashley Storino all filed suit against the university last month after they and eight other students were suspended following an anonymous tip to the school that they appeared in the photos on Aug. 14 not social-distancing or wearing masks at a party.

The school suspended them for the fall semester and placed them on academic probation for spring.

Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Carol Edmead annulled NYU’s sanctions against the track-and-field students, finding that the penalties were “arbitrary, capricious and constitute an abuse of discretion,” according to her ruling Wednesday.

While the school sent out e-mails over the summer with COVID-19 policies, it didn’t indicate it would be enforcing those policies before the semester even began, Edmead found.

The students were able to start classes on Sept. 2 because Edmead had temporarily lifted the sanctions while she decided the case.

An NYU rep said the school plans to appeal. *Priscilla DeGregory*

‘Spidey’ climb at Big Ben

An activist dressed as Spider-Man scaled scaffolding outside London’s Big Ben on the edge of Parliament Thursday — unfurling two huge banners, one against the country’s coronavirus lockdown and the other saying “all lives matter.”

The unidentified wall crawler managed to climb up scaffolding just before 8 a.m. and shouted at cheering crowds for about two hours before he climbed down and was arrested, police said.

London police said the protester — who is in his 60s — was arrested on suspicion of criminal trespass under a section of the Serious Organized Crime and Police Act because it is a “protected site.” The scaffolding has been there since 2017 amid a \$100 million restoration of the British landmark that is expected to conclude next year. *Lee Brown*

9,000 toxic NYCHA homes with tots

3X THE LEAD THREAT

By NOLAN HICKS

Inspectors from the city’s scandal-scarred Housing Authority have determined there is likely lead in 9,000 public-housing apartments where young children live or spend significant time, the agency’s federal monitor revealed Thursday.

That’s triple the 3,000 apartments NYCHA officials said in 2018 contained potential lead hazards tied to children under 6 years old, when youngsters are most vulnerable to the toxic substance.

The federal watchdog, headed by former federal prosecutor Bart Schwartz, reported that the new apartments were identified through NYCHA’s slow-going \$100 million campaign to sweep apartments for lead.

“NYCHA reported to us this week that as a result of its dialogue with residents during in-apartment XRF [x-ray fluorescence] testing visits, and NYCHA’s ‘door knocking’ campaign, through which NYCHA directly engages residents, it has identified a significantly larger number of apartments where children under 6 reside who might be exposed to lead risks,” Schwartz said in a statement. “Approximately 6,000 apartments have been added to the count available

two years ago, which was around 3,000 based on an annual certification process.”

Other filings reveal that the number of potentially dangerous apartments climbed as NYCHA continues to check previously uninspected apartments built before the 1978 federal ban on lead paint for the toxic substance — more than 135,000 units — and broadened its criteria for determining if the unit poses a risk to children.

Previously, NYCHA counted apartments only where tenants declared on their leases that they have children under 6 years old. Nowadays, staffers ask tenants if youngsters spend more than 10 hours a day in the unit.

Two leading contenders for the 2021 Democratic primary to succeed term-limited Mayor de Blasio assailed his handling of the lead crisis.

“Mismanagement and bureaucracy have let thousands of children fall through the cracks,” said Comptroller Scott Stringer, who has regularly criticized the administration over the issue.

Hizzoner’s former counsel, Maya Wiley, also jumped in.

“We should be absolutely ashamed,” Wiley, who recently announced she was running for mayor, said in a statement.

“We’ve maintained for years



OUTRAGE: Sherron Paige, whose son Kyan was diagnosed with lead poisoning, is suing the city as a federal monitor on Thursday upped the estimate on toxins in public housing.

Paul Martinke

that this administration has been understating the severity of the lead problem in public housing,” said attorney Corey Stern, who reps several NYCHA families suing the city over lead poisoning, including Sherron Paige.

Her son Kyan was diagnosed with lead poisoning in July 2017. “They’ve denied a problem exists, and kids lives continued to be forever changed. Mayor de Blasio should resign,” Stern said.

The latest tally of potentially toxic apartments comes a

month after a Post investigation revealed that as City Hall claimed lead was rarely in public housing, Health Department inspectors found the substance in more than a quarter of NYCHA’s then-326 developments after a child living there tested positive for poisoning.

“Our monumental efforts to overhaul our lead program have resulted in the nation’s most comprehensive assessment of public-housing apartments,” said NYCHA boss Greg Russ in a statement.

US envoy met Maduro rep in bid to change regime

Close President Trump ally Richard Grenell secretly met with a representative from Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro’s government last month in an effort to negotiate the dictator’s ceding of power,

according to a report.

Grenell, who previously served as acting director of national intelligence and ambassador to Germany, met in mid-September with Jorge Rodríguez, a former vice president

of the socialist country and a Maduro confidant, Bloomberg News reported Wednesday.

The former Trump administration official, who currently handles LGBTQ outreach for the Republi-

can National Committee, met with Rodríguez in Mexico.

When Grenell raised the topic of Maduro’s peaceful exit from power to Rodríguez, it was not clear if Maduro or Rodríguez would be

open to the possibility, and the talks were eventually deemed unsuccessful, the outlet reported.

The National Security Council declined to comment when reached by The Post. *Emily Jacobs*

Banksy's \$10M trashterpiece

This "trashy" Banksy painting is a real Monet-maker. The street artist's take on a masterpiece by the impressionist has fetched \$9.89 million at Sotheby's in London. "Show Me the Monet" — sold on Wednesday to an unidentified buyer — recreates Monet's "Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies" with a polluted pond.



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That's bananas!

Neighbors in a Tennessee town are being terrorized by a bloodthirsty pet monkey who keeps jumping on their cars and trying to bite them.

One almost-victim said that during one attack, the pesky primate, who's owned by her neighbor in Church Hill, went ape by hurling itself onto her vehicle and trying to chomp her last week.

And a neighbor who lives across the street recently had to fight off the same apparently untamed house pet with a stick.

Now *he* needs a lawyer.

A Miami attorney is accused of leading a double life as a "serial bank robber" — albeit not a very good one, according to the feds.

Aaron Honaker, 41, allegedly held up five banks beginning in September, making off with a total of only \$1,850, prosecutors said. He was busted hauling around a hammer and cash.

Who squealed?

A hefty hog was rescued from a backyard in Brooklyn, where it's illegal for porkers and other livestock to live as pets.

Peppa the pig was taken in by the Animal Care and Centers of NYC Wednesday morning, the nonprofit said in an Instagram post.

Footage shows the spotted swine hesitantly hoofing it down a ramp attached to a van, as a worker coos "good girl!"

This tragic accident is hard to stomach.

A family in China died after eating spoiled noodles that had been kept in their freezer for nearly a year.

The nine relatives slurped down the homemade noodles, made from fermented corn flour, in Heilongjiang province on Oct. 5, according to state-run media.

"Put the trash in the bag and nobody gets hurt!"

Two raccoons broke into a California bank and wreaked havoc before they were wrangled.

The masked bandits climbed into the closed bank in Redwood City through an air vent, and fell through the ceiling. *Natalie O'Neill, Wires*

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Traffic fatalities up

By DAVID MEYER

More than 200 people have died in crashes on Big Apple streets so far this year — putting the city on track for the highest number of traffic deaths in a single year since Mayor de Blasio took office, according to transportation advocates.

The numbers analyzed by Transportation Alternatives using city data show traffic fatalities this year outpacing every year of the de Blasio administration except 2014, the year Hizzoner took office.

At this point in 2019, 188 New Yorkers had been killed in car crashes, the group said. A total of 220 people had died by the end of the year.

"This is shaping up to be the deadliest year for traffic violence during Mayor de Blasio's tenure," Transportation Alternatives director Danny Harris said. "If the rate of death on our streets continues unchanged through

And it's because of fewer cars on road

the remainder of the year, we will see 243 total deaths in 2020."

The surge in crash deaths comes despite a drop in overall traffic, The Post reported earlier this month. Experts believe the two are related — that fewer cars on the road has led to people driving more dangerously.

"Fatalities went up because there was not the usual congestion, and people were able to drive much faster," traffic-safety expert Matt Carmody told The Post earlier this month.

Leading the spike are motorcycle and car deaths, which have both increased

significantly compared with 2019. The number of cyclists and pedestrians killed, meanwhile, has dropped.

A Department of Transportation spokesman disputed Transportation Alternatives' claim — arguing that eight of the fatalities this year were not caused by the crashes during which they occurred.

Transportation Alternatives spokesman Joe Cutrufo said DOT was likely referencing crashes like one in March on Staten Island, in which a woman was killed after her boyfriend drunkenly drove off with her on the hood of

his car during a domestic dispute. "We're still trending to a much higher number of fatalities this year than in much of the Vision Zero era, despite the fact that NYC was under lockdown for almost three months," Cutrufo said.

The continued carnage on city street also highlights the failure of the mayor's Vision Zero initiative, which had sought to eliminate traffic deaths completely by 2024.

Traffic deaths had previously hit all-time lows under de Blasio's watch. Safe-streets advocates said Hizzoner needs to get the city back on that track.

"Any time someone dies as a result of a traffic crash, we expect our leaders to understand why and fix the problem," said Amy Cohen of Families for Safe Streets.

"As deaths are increasing, we need Mayor de Blasio to fight even harder with us for Vision Zero."

Prez Mensch

Don may be most pro-Jewish president ever

THIS election, there is no subgroup for whom the stakes are higher than my Jewish co-religionists.

That's because, for starters, Donald Trump is quite possibly the most pro-Jewish president ever — or at least since George Washington famously assured the Jews of Newport, RI, that each child of the “stock of Abraham” would forever “sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree.”

Through word and deed, President Trump — a father of an ob-servant Jew and grandfather of Jewish children — has repeatedly established himself as a true friend and guardian of the people of the covenant. And in the post-1948 era of Zionism, Trump has been by far the most loyal and transformative friend of the world's sole Jewish state.

Trump ended decades of presidential timidity and promise-breaking by finally moving the US embassy to Jerusalem. He withdrew the United States from the harrowing capitulation to evil that was the Obama-Biden nuclear accord with Iran and has slapped crippling sanctions on the mullocracy.

He decimated the Islamic State “caliphate” and decapitated Iranian arch-terrorist Qassem Soleimani, both threats to Israel and Jews everywhere. He closed



JOSH HAMMER

the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization's mission in Washington and defunded the Palestinian Authority itself due to its barbaric “pay-to-slay” subsidies.

Trump also cut funding or outright withdrew from three anti-Israel UN bodies: the (grossly misnamed) UN Human Rights Council, UNWRA and UNESCO.

And we're just getting started. Team Trump has boldly stood up for Israeli “settlements” in Judea and Samaria. The president formally recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights and rolled out the most pro-Israel plan for peace with the Palestinian Arabs that a US president has ever endorsed.

Most remarkably, the man who wrote “The Art of the Deal” shepherded through not one but two (thus far!) separate normalization agreements between Israel and the Arab world. That's



Peacemakers: President Trump joins Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (l.) and Arab officials at last month's peace-treaty signings.

probably the most important positive diplomatic triumph for Israel (and for Jews worldwide, who benefit from a strong Jewish state) in decades. Imagine what a second term could bring.

On the domestic front, Trump signed a groundbreaking executive order to protect besieged Jewish and Zionist university students under the statutory ambit of Title VI — a dynamic move that has already led to a high-profile settlement agreement between the Department of Education and NYU.

The order is perhaps the single most emphatic pro-Jewish action a sitting president has ever taken.

On religious liberty, Trump appointed myriad staunch First Amendment defenders up and down the federal judiciary. He's also pushed administrative rules to protect religious social-service providers and faith-based adoption agencies from discrimination. And under Trump, the Department of Justice has routinely defended Jewish communities under assault. And, of course, Jews have benefited from tremendous economic gains under Trump.

Compare all that with a Biden-Harris administration — which would lend a voice to Jew-haters like Linda Sarsour and Ilhan Omar and, indeed, likely undo most (if not every one) of Trump's advancements.

A President Joe Biden would surely resurrect the nuclear deal

with Iran that posed an existential threat to Israel (and others) and re-elevate the terror-backing Palestinian Arab kleptocrats to positions of prominence. Anti-Semites would be empowered across university campuses and “woke” corporate America, throughout the federal bureaucracy and in the wretched bowels of Turtle Bay.

In short, Biden-Harris could lead to yet another cash bailout for an emboldened, nuke-seeking Iran and a nationwide unleashing of anti-Jewish bigotry, particularly from the left.

There's so much more at stake, too. Indeed, the very notion of America itself — an America that has more than lived up to Washington's promise and served as Jews' most vital, most welcoming refuge for more than two centuries — is at risk.

Trump, as he put it in his Independence Day speech, stands for the spirit of 1776 — a national ethos of meritocracy, liberty, order and the rule of law. Biden, by contrast, can barely bring himself to decry the destruction and violence that have stemmed from the Antifa and Black Lives Matter movements and embraces intersectional “woke-ism,” pseudo-intellectual nostrums and class-warfare economics that would all come at Jews' expense.

Clearly, American Jews will do best under only one of these two visions. It's not Biden's.

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FAST TAKES

Media watch: The Press Can't Handle the Truth

“The corporate media has refused to cover the substance of the New York Post's bombshell reporting” on Hunter Biden's e-mails, observes The Federalist's John Daniel Davidson, “not because there's nothing to the story,” but because it's “harmful to Joe Biden.” Instead, they've focused on The Post's reporting itself — “the story about the story — while studiously ignoring” what the e-mails reveal about the Biden family's “overseas business dealings and influence-peddling.” The press simply isn't interested, “just like they weren't interested in a recent US Senate committee report on the Bidens' complex financial transactions in Ukraine and elsewhere. I mean, if you're not curious why the wife of the former mayor of Moscow would pay Hunter Biden \$3.5 million, then you're not going to be curious about any of this other stuff.”

From the right: Biden's Union Lie

At last week's ABC News town hall, Joe Biden “flat-out lied” about supposed endorsements from the boilermakers' union, infuriating Shawn Steffee, a board member of the largest US boilermaker local, reports the Washington Examiner's Salena Zito. Though many members are registered Democrats, Steffee notes his local endorsed President Trump in September because “Biden's inconsistency on trade and fracking is a problem, and . . . members can't find a way to believe him.” Yet Biden's lie will likely go unreported by most mainstream media, who “seemingly only chase candidate lies that ruffle their sensibilities,” notes Zito. The left can pretend “voters like Steffee will go away, that their issues will go away, and their concerns will go away,” but “they won't.”

Satirist: Facebook Has No Sense of Humor

At The Wall Street Journal, Babylon Bee editor Kyle Mann laments that in 2020, “no article is so absurd” people won't believe it true. “Snopes has even fact-checked articles as bizarre” as the Babylon Bee's “Ocasio-Cortez Appears on ‘The Price Is Right,’ Guesses Everything Is Free.” Now there's a new threat to satire: social media. Facebook, for example, actually deleted a Bee satirical post, headlined “Senator Hirono Demands ACB Be Weighed Against a Duck to See If She Is a Witch” (a reference to “Monty Python and the Holy Grail”), saying the article “incited violence.” Mann blames social-media algorithms: “Instead of writing jokes for the audience,” he says, “we're writing jokes for a robot with ever-changing standards.”

Legal beat: Why Wasn't Toobin Fired?

It “should not be an unreasonably high standard to ask people not to engage in sex acts while talking to their work colleagues,” snarks National Review's Dan McLaughlin. Yet New Yorker writer Jeffrey Toobin “has yet to be fired, when nearly anyone else would be,” for “visibly exposing himself while masturbating” on a work Zoom call. Toobin is “insulated” by his “star status” and liberal politics, with a “bizarre and unsettling” “rush of voices in journalism trying to excuse or normalize Toobin's behavior.” His “CNN colleagues Brian Stelter and Oliver Darcy, who glory in every foible and scandal over at Fox News, bemoaned that Toobin ‘has been sidelined at a pivotal moment in the run-up to the presidential election.’” The sort of “super-valuable insight” they're missing? McLaughlin points to Toobin's June 2018 tweet: “Anthony Kennedy is retiring. Abortion will be illegal in twenty states in 18 months.”



Jeffrey Toobin

Foreign desk: The Coming Clash Over Taiwan

The United States faces a seemingly impossible challenge in protecting Taiwan against China, which “has been carrying out the most provocative and sustained show of force” against the country “in nearly a quarter-century,” notes Michael Beckley at Foreign Policy. Yet with Taiwan's “enormous geographic advantage” and the strength of the US military, the question is ultimately “not whether Taiwan can be defended — it definitely can — but whether Taiwan and the United States can revamp their militaries in time to deter a Chinese attack.” Meanwhile, China's belligerence “offers an opportunity for Taiwan and the United States to have national conversations about the growing Chinese threat and the sacrifices both societies will have to make to contain it.”

— Compiled by The Post Editorial Board

Joe's China Problem

Now that a former Hunter Biden business partner has confirmed key facts in The Post's reporting of Biden's efforts to monetize his family connections, Joe Biden has some explaining to do. But will anyone push him to answer some simple questions?

Democrats and their media allies have tried to dismiss The Post's work as "Russian disinformation," and the ludicrous tag led Tony Bobulinski to send us a nearly 700-word statement on Wednesday.

"The facts set forth below are true and accurate; they are not any form of domestic or foreign disinformation. Any suggestion to the contrary is false and offensive," Bobulinski begins, adding later: "I could no longer allow my family's name to be associated or tied to Russian disinformation or implied lies and false narratives dominating the media right now."

He reveals, "I am the recipient of the email published seven days ago by the New York Post which showed a copy to Hunter Biden and Rob Walker. That email is genuine."

Another partner sent that May 13, 2017, e-mail (subject line: "Expectations") to detail "remuneration packages" for six people involved in a venture with Shanghai-based conglomerate CEFC China Energy Co.: 10 percent would be "held by H for the big guy" — and Bobulinski confirms the "big guy" was Joe Biden. "The other 'JB' referenced in that email is Jim Biden, Joe's brother," says Bobulinski, who was the CEO of the company being formed.

"Hunter Biden called his dad 'the Big Guy' or 'my Chairman,' and frequently referenced asking him for his sign-off or advice on various potential deals that we were discussing. I've seen Vice President Biden saying he never talked to Hunter about his business.

I've seen firsthand that that's not true, because it wasn't just Hunter's business, they said they were putting the Biden family name and its legacy on the line," Bobulinski continues.

Bobulinski, who served in the Navy before pursuing an investment career and notes he's made "few campaign contributions," all to Democrats, concludes: "I don't have a political ax to grind; I just saw behind the Biden curtain and I grew concerned with what I saw. The Biden family aggressively leveraged the Biden family name to make millions of dollars from foreign entities even though some were from communist controlled China."

The Post's reporting, which social-media giants Twitter and Facebook have worked to suppress, provides details of some of those deals. E-mails on a laptop left at a Delaware computer-repair shop show Hunter expected a Chinese mogul to pay \$10 million a year "for introductions alone." In a text message to his daughter Naomi in 2019, Hunter said, "don't worry unlike Pop I won't make you give me half your salary."

Joe Biden needs to come clean before Americans go to the polls: Does he know Tony Bobulinski? Is the man lying? Why was the former veep meeting with Hunter Biden's business partners when he's angrily denied ever discussing his son's overseas deals?

And *did* Hunter fork over big money to Joe?

Bobulinski says the Chinese weren't looking to make a "healthy" return on investment: "They were looking at this as a political or influence investment."

With less than two weeks until Election Day, Americans deserve answers.

Emperor Carranza Has No Clothes

One silver lining of sorts from this whole dreadful pandemic: It has exposed the fundamental dysfunction of the city's public-schools system and the utter incompetence of Chancellor Richard Carranza.

Any learning now happening is despite Carranza, his bureaucracy and the United Federation of Teachers.

So overwhelmed is the Department of Education that it can't even pretend to know how many children are in school on the days they're supposed to be there — let alone how many have checked-in online, nor how few actually e-tend a given class.

Many heroic teachers and school leaders are sweating blood to make school work, but the DOE itself is checked out. And the UFT panders to its most paranoid (or lazy) members: It wants to avoid any sort of review of the effectiveness of hybrid or online learning.

Carranza botched the first wave of the epidemic, then wasted the summer when his team should have been planning for the fall. Nearly eight months into the crisis, the DOE

is as clueless as on Day One.

Credit the mayor with wanting to reopen schools despite the UFT's fears — but he and his chancellor have repeatedly failed to make it work. The DOE can't even offer grading policies or schedule key system-wide exams.

Private and parochial schools have risen to the challenge, as have most public charter schools — finding ways to reopen or to offer meaningful virtual classes.

Oh, and to take attendance and ensure live instruction for every class. Parents across the city know Carranza's schools aren't even trying to do that.

The system might still be a disaster under another leader — but Team Carranza plainly can't manage *anything* except "anti-bias" training, race-obsessed revisions to school-admission rules and other divisive nonsense.

A system that can't even take attendance will fail at everything. And the children who suffer most are overwhelmingly the poor black and Hispanic kids that Carranza and de Blasio always claim are their top priority.

Jerk From Home Blunder: Toobin's Public Beating

•CNN legal expert Jeffrey Toobin's activities on the Zoom call could be considered sexual harassment of others ("News Flash," Oct. 20).

He also doesn't hold himself to the same standards as he does people such as Justice Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of sexual misconduct. Toobin called the FBI investigation into Kavanaugh a joke.

He also criticized President Trump for not believing women accusers and condescendingly said: "It's just who he is."

Toobin always takes the politically correct position and presents himself as a women's rights activist, but apparently not in his own life.

It's hard to believe that this person wrote a book on the Monica Lewinsky scandal. **Andrew Delaney**
Jamaica Estates

•Jeffrey Toobin showed colleagues his true colors on a recent Zoom call. I hope they don't hold it against him.

Though a writer by trade, he's more of a talking head today. Will anyone hang with him after this public beating?

The New Yorker prays he doesn't become a lightning rod for critics. But before he returns to

THE ISSUE: Writer Jeffrey Toobin's suspension from The New Yorker for exposing himself during a Zoom call.



Wasn't it Mayor de Blasio's Health Department that said just a few months ago: "The safest sex is sex you have with yourself"?

Does Toobin simply following the city's direction merit a full front page (a k a, a full frontal)?

Bob Porch
Marlton, NJ

•Jeffrey, Jeffrey, Jeffrey: I wonder if CNN will conclude that this is more Russian disinformation.

Oh, well, he said he was embarrassed; that should explain it away. End of non-story.

Jerry Chiappetta
Monticello

•I just bought my very first issue of The Post.

I thought you'd want to know that a senior citizen from Maine has heard about The Post's honest reporting and was so impressed that she went out and bought her first copy.

Jeffrey Toobin was on the cover — yikes! Look at how you expanded your readership by giving us the facts. Bravo — keep it up! (The facts, that is.) **Elizabeth Printy**
Monticello

•I don't see what the big deal is with Toobin.

Biden's Crippling Tax Plan

•Rapper 50 Cent has a million-dollar idea: Vote for President Trump and save the hard-earned money that Joe Biden wants to take from you ("Fitty raps Dem's 'bad idea,'" Oct. 21).

Those who worked hard for their money might have to fork over up to 62 percent of their earnings. Welcome to

THE ISSUE: Rapper 50 Cent's endorsement of President Trump after learning of Joe Biden's tax plans.

the socialist world of big, failed government. **JR Cummings**
Manhattan

•The Post is the only news outlet to print what a horrible tax bite Biden wants from high

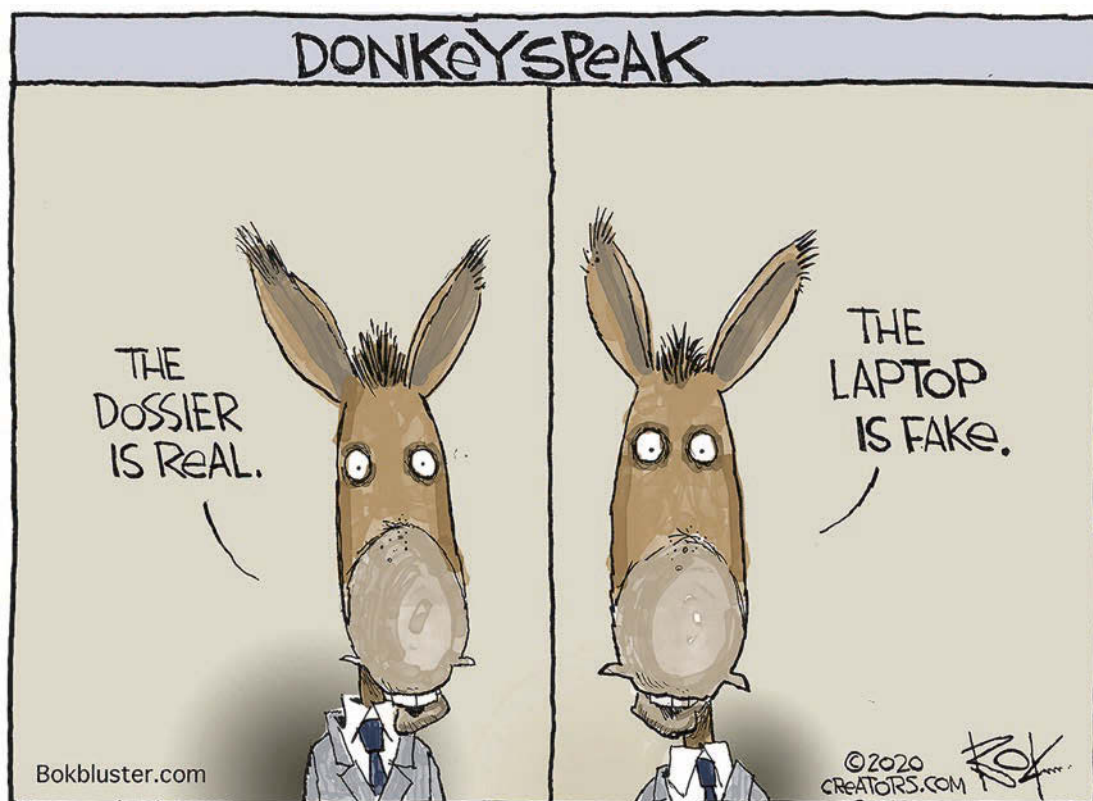
earners and wealthy families.

The Democrats want 60 percent of the wealthiest Americans' income. Anyone who votes for them deserves the result.

D. Finn
Brooklyn

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Prez Scores — Enough?

Trump had debate of his life but Biden didn't bomb

WITH his back against the wall, Donald Trump pulled himself together and had the debate of his life. For the most part, he was focused, contained and determined to get his message across and not just be the alpha male.

His defense of his coronavirus response and his argument that the country cannot long survive living under perennial lockdown constituted the most eloquent he's ever been on the pandemic.

Trump did make a few of those jaw-dropping assertions about a vaccine — that one is coming in a few weeks and or by the end of the year and that two pharmaceutical firms were almost done with one before naming not two but four firms.

That could really come back to bite him over the next few weeks as others in the know throw cold water on these claims and he is forced to defend them.

But where he really drew blood was in returning to the line of attack that helped get him elected — the idea that he had to enter politics because politicians hadn't done the job.

"You're all talk and no action," Trump said to Joe Biden in his best line — and in the best moment of any debate of this cycle. He made sharp and deserved fun of Biden when he turned to the camera to talk about voters at the kitchen table in order to shift the topic away from corruption and China.

Mostly, though, this debate made it clear what an incredible mistake Trump made in the first debate by behaving like a jerk. Had he been this Trump, rather than that Trump, he would be in a stronger position today.

Fifty million votes have been cast already, and they were cast with the memory of that disaster fresh in the minds of those early voters. The voters up for grabs might have



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acted differently if they'd seen this guy.

But just because Trump did so much better doesn't mean Biden did worse than he did in the first. He was fine. He didn't win, but if he lost, he lost on points, and not many points.

He refused to play on Trump's turf and stuck to his own message. When Trump flat-out charged that Biden had taken millions from Ukraine and China, which would make him guilty of multiple felonies, the former vice president did not lose his cool but stuck doggedly with his claim that he did nothing wrong and nothing unethical had happened.

That's important because the Hunter Biden corruption story can only be the key to changing the race's trajectory if (a) that connec-

tion to Joe directly can be proved rather than asserted based on a few suggestive e-mails or (b) Biden acts Hillary-like and acts in ways that keep the story alive despite its danger to him.

This was the last moment Trump will be able to go at Biden directly on the question and, though this will anger people who are hoping for the trajectory change, Biden did not do or say anything to add any logs to the fire.

And yet there was one moment that may be very damaging to Biden. Trump accused him of wanting to ban fracking — a key industry in the key swing states of Pennsylvania and Ohio in particular — and Biden not only said he had never done so, he challenged Trump to find the evidence and put it on Trump's Web site.

That evidence exists (<https://www.atri.org/biden-yes-we-should-end-fracking>). There was an exchange between Biden and a voter in New Hampshire in January 2020. The voter asked him, "What about, say, stopping fracking?" And Biden responded, "yes."

This is the kind of thing Trump can make a killer commercial about and run in Pennsylvania 10 times a day until the election. Biden's leading there, but it's close, and if Trump wins it, he can win the election.

If he doesn't, he almost certainly can't. Watch for it.

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Media Rushes To Help Biden After Debate

SO on the night Joe Biden lied about saying he had never supported banning fracking, scoffed at the gargantuan cost of the Green New Deal, he basically supports and then closed up with the four-alarm news that he means to shut down the United States oil industry "because the oil industry pollutes," what did the media have to say about his disastrous performance?

MSNBC: Hey, let's talk about the child-separation crisis from two years ago! Like that's what Americans are talking about in October of 2020.

CNN: Racism!

As usual, whenever President Trump performs well, the media went into a combination of panic and misdirection. Brian Williams kicked off MSNBC's post-debate coverage grousing about, among other things, how "we heard about how they spied on his campaign, erroneously." Oh, Trump's campaign flunky Carter Page wasn't spied on via FISA warrants that were obtained under false pretenses, concealing the fact that Page was working for the CIA, not the Russians? Good job, Brian, try reading the paper sometime.

"The president's words seemed to harken back to the escalator in many ways," Williams said, which is meant to scare us, I guess.

He then said Trump owed Williams' colleague, moderator Kristen Welker, "an apology" (for what, he didn't say), offered that "if there was a clear winner tonight, it was Kristen Welker," and tossed to Rachel Maddow, who agreed and heaped more praise on Welker. Never let us forget, the story is all about you guys, you talking heads on TV.

Along with Joy Reid and Nicolle Wallace, Maddow steered the conversation to fake outrage about something almost no one thinks is a big issue anymore, the child-separation crisis at the border two years ago. Maddow and Wallace actually encouraged each other to fake-cry about their memories of this, because they were on a mission to talk about anything but the valid points Trump brought up. Joy Reid: "I looked into the eyes of these little kids who didn't know who we were . . . the fear and the terrors and the drawings in the places where they slept." Well, as Trump put it, "Who built the cages, Joe?" The answer is, of course, the Obama administration.

Over on CNN, Obama consigliere David Axelrod, flustered, tried his desperation move: for the umpteenth time he tried to tie Trump to the white-supremacist movement that the president has denounced over and over again. "Three weeks ago we were talking about him refusing to condemn the Proud Boys . . . this has been part of the president's political project . . . and that has been a problem for him!" No, it's a myth created and promoted by CNN.

"Axe" was also angry that Trump was "talking about how the blue states are doing badly on coronavirus which is patently untrue." Um,

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that is about the truest thing anyone has ever said. Of the first 210,000 deaths from coronavirus, only 33,000 were in red states. Death rates are 40 percent higher in blue states than in red states. Axelrod and everyone else in the media want to blame Trump for what happened in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Van Jones smacked Trump around on the virus even though Trump correctly noted that it's a worldwide problem that we are learning to live with. Jones claimed, outrageously, "He has no regrets looking backwards. He's standing on the graves of a quarter of a million Americans." Reminder that Trump shut down most China travel on Jan. 31. Biden didn't admit this was the right idea until . . . April 3.

Jones was also miffed that Trump brought up the now-infamous, extremely documented history of the Biden family corruptly leveraging the family name to make bank: "He has to attack someone that nobody believes is corrupt and nobody believes is a bad person."

Nobody believes that, Van? I believe Joe Biden is corrupt and (therefore) a bad person. There might even be more people like me; maybe you should walk out of the CNN studio and go talk to some of us.

Gingerly, Jones added, "I do wanna give Biden some credit for saying what he said" about, you know, destroying the US oil industry. "That's the thing about Joe Biden; he actually believes in some stuff!" Jones said hopefully, adding, "Frankly there's a lot more jobs putting up solar panels in the next few years."

Haha. Sure. Go with that, CNN. Go with that, Joe Biden. Tell everyone who works in the oil industry that after you destroy their livelihoods they're going to get jobs putting up solar panels. Hey, maybe they'll all win the lottery, get signed to play in the NBA and get to date Jennifer Lawrence, too.

The Post Puzzle Page

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RACK 3

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Double Word Score

RACK 4

PAR SCORE 195-205

BEST SCORE 258

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

TODAY'S ANSWER

60

63

59

76

258

RACK 1 =

RACK 2 =

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PAR SCORE 195-205

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 Letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

Bridge

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A K Q
♥ A K Q J 2
♦ A
♣ A K Q 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ 3
♦ 4 3 2
♣ 8 7 6 5 4

EAST
♠ 6 5
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 5
♦ Q 10 9
♣ J 10

SOUTH
♠ J 4 3 2
♥ 4
♦ K J 8 7 6 5
♣ 9 3

North	East	South	West
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 NT	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ 10

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AFAIK, my friend the English professor is quite appalled by the "shorthand" that has taken over the internet and social media. "It's corrupting the language," the prof complains. "Write 'before,' not 'B4.' We speak English, not bingo." The prof was West in today's deal. "When I saw that massive dummy," he told me, "I wasn't confident of beating 7NT, BTW, much less 6NT. Declarer took the ace of spades and then the K-Q. My partner discarded ... a heart. (OMG!) Declarer then cashed dummy's top clubs, and partner threw a diamond." "Declarer continued with four top hearts and the ace of diamonds. At Trick 12, he exited with a heart, and my partner had to concede the last trick to the king of diamonds. Making six. My partner needed to look B4 he leaped. TYVM, partner." FWIW, East should defeat the slam. IMHO, he must discard diamonds on the third high spade and third high club. He must keep all his hearts, thereby avoiding the end play. BCNU tomorrow.

Word Force

FATHERED

From the word or phrase above, form **AT LEAST 21** five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank (not both).

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S POST
Yesterday's word:
GARDENER

agree	erred	green
anger	genre	raged
eager	grade	range
eared	grand	reran
	greed	

Wonderword

How to play: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **Circle their letters only. Do not circle the word.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SALT-FREE DIETS

Solution: 10 letters

C M U I D O S V B T C U R R Y
O O H E A R T O O Y O G U R T
N R M E N U T S G E O E B E T
S T S P O T S N A C K L A P A
U O L E L L I R G I A L P N
M N K E V I B D S R N C A E O
P A D S G I C D E G G I N P I
T H L H P U T A E K G D C L T
I L E S B I M A T N O E E A A
O I A A O D C E N I N M S B R
N F K D L S E E S R O A S E A
E E I S I T A D S N E N C L P
D L R R M L H L D P E T S S E
L A S M I P A S T A M I L K R
J E K A T N I D E G A K C A P

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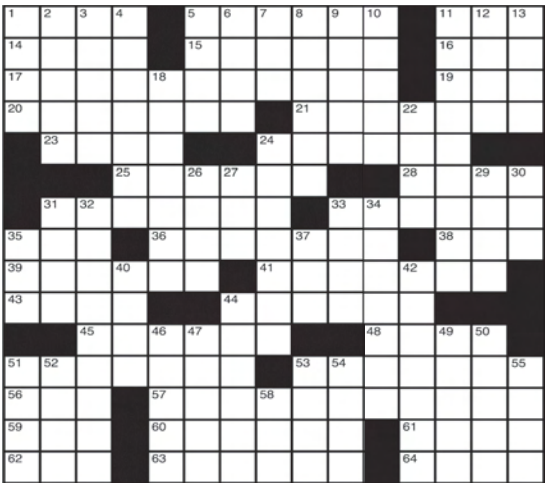
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Quick Crossword

- Across**
1 Ancient wizard
5 Serbian-born NBA center ____ Jokic
11 Fella
14 Speck
15 Bordeaux wine
16 Narrow inlet
17 Grasslands around Dakar?
19 Petition
20 High ranges
21 Holder of 61 NHL records
23 Chamber group
24 Comet relative
25 Retire
28 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
31 Winter vacation purchase
33 Part of a late 1900s demographic
35 "The Simpsons" storekeeper
36 Feature of a map of Baghdad?
38 MD treating canals
39 Oklahoma tribe
41 Accidental
43 Genesis twin
44 Middle of a three-part start
45 Subtly points out
48 Present time?
51 Uniform concern, maybe
53 Late author whose daughter wrote, "As far as we in the family are concerned, the alphabet now ends in Y"
56 Behave
57 Laid-back attitude in Hanoi?
59 Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
60 Bivouac
61 Times past
62 Uma's "Pulp Fiction" role
63 Perceived to be
64 Caesar and others
Down
1 One side of a physics equivalence principle
2 Bit the dust
3 One with no hope
4 Honored retirees
5 Indiana-based sports org.
6 Troubles
7 Penn of "House"
8 Crater Lake locale



- 9 Hear (of)
10 Without a clue
11 Longing in São Paulo?
12 Take a shot at
13 Wine nuance word
18 Exuberant fan
22 IRS agent
24 Fish restaurant offerings
26 Unusual
27 Eavesdropping org.
29 Twisted
30 Focus for some collectors
31 Watering holes
32 Hot spot in Al Ahmadi?
33 Masterpieces
34 Test involving gradually longer lines
35 Mimic
37 Round Table VIP
40 Creatures of habit?
42 Some bank acct. charges
44 Homer's home
46 Fins
47 Slate, for one
49 Original Flashback games console designer



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER
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- 50 "What a pity"
51 Wrong
52 Smoothie fruit
53 Fed. lending agency
54 Criticizes
55 Storied loch
58 Brown shade

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Stocks up

US stocks overcame a wobbly start to finish higher Thursday, as traders welcomed better-than-expected corporate quarterly results, especially in the health care, banking and communication sectors. The Dow closed up 0.54 percent to 28,363.66, the S&P 500 gained 0.52 percent to 3,453.49 and the Nasdaq added 0.19 percent, to 11,506.01.

Airline losses

Southwest Airlines reported its largest loss ever — \$1.2 billion — in the third quarter as it continued to burn cash while the coronavirus pandemic kept travelers off planes.

Cardy hardy

Discover shares surged as much as 11 percent Thursday morning after it said spending on retail and groceries on its cards improved in September. Sales volume climbed 4 percent in September.

McAfee fall

Shares of cyber security firm McAfee fell 7 percent in their market debut. The stock opened at \$18.60 per share, compared with its IPO price of \$20 per share.

Not on a roll

Kimberly-Clark's business that supplies toilet tissue to office buildings is taking a hit, with more people working from home. Sales reportedly plunged 16 percent last quarter.

Sources: AP, Dow Jones and Reuters

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SACHS 'SACKED'

\$3B smack in Malaysia-gov't bribe scandal

By THORNTON McENERY and PRISCILLA DeGREGORY

Goldman Sachs is shelling out nearly \$3 billion to settle charges related to its role in a star-studded corruption scandal that has dogged the bank for years — and the resulting pain will spread to the C-Suite.

The Wall Street giant reportedly will discipline both Chief Executive David Solomon and predecessor Lloyd Blankfein, seizing tens of millions of dollars from them and other top executives in the form of clawbacks, pay cuts and shrunken bonuses as Goldman settles federal charges for its role in the debacle, which started in Malaysia and reached the highest echelons of Hollywood before law enforcement got involved.

Goldman's Malaysian unit on Thursday pleaded guilty to US Department of Justice charges that it violated anti-bribery provisions of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act for its role in creating the IMDB fund for the Malaysian government, which was spent on lavish Hollywood parties and other corrupt purposes instead of building that nation's economy.

Many of the wild splurges, according to prosecutors, were led by fugitive financier Jho Low, who allegedly siphoned away funds from three bond offerings worth \$6.5 billion that were under-

Dunce duo



Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon (far left) and predecessor Lloyd Blankfein are among those facing disciplinary action in the Malaysia bribe scandal, which resulted in a nearly \$3 billion penalty.

NY Post photo composite: Alamy and Getty Images

written by Goldman in 2012 and 2013. Low, who remains at large, allegedly spent the funds on yachts, lavish parties with celebrities like Paris Hilton and Leonardo DiCaprio, and even helped bankroll the Martin Scorsese flick

"The Wolf of Wall Street."

In the largest monetary penalty ever paid to the United States by a corporate entity in a foreign-bribery case, Goldman will pay more than more than \$2.3 billion and forfeit \$606 million

more. The staggering total includes, among other payments, \$400 million to the Securities and Exchange Commission, \$154 million to the Federal Reserve and \$150 million to the New York state Department of Finance.

Other regulators will also take a cut as Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission announced early Thursday that it has fined Goldman \$350 million.

Adding in the \$2.5 billion settlement Goldman reached earlier this year with the Malaysian government, the bank will pay well north of \$5 billion for its Malaysian misadventure, a vast sum equal to almost a full year's profit.

That number has also prompted Goldman to take internal disciplinary measures.

Senior executives who oversaw the bank during the IMDB bond offerings are facing penalties — clawbacks for former executives and pay cuts for current ones — and bonuses for this year are likewise in danger, according to The Wall Street Journal.

That's despite Goldman's previous efforts to portray two Goldman bankers at the center of the scandal — Tim Leissner and Roger Ng — as rogue employees who kept their shenanigans hidden from top brass. The DOJ filed criminal charges against Leissner, husband of model-actress Kimora Lee Simmons, and Ng in November 2018.

Federal officials said financier including Low, Leissner and Ng paid \$1.6 billion in bribes to create a slush fund for corrupt officials, leaving Malaysian taxpayers on the hook for more than \$11 billion.

Jobless claims in surprise falloff

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell to 787,000 last week despite continued pressure on the labor market from the coronavirus pandemic, the feds said Thursday.

Last week's seasonally adjusted initial-jobless claims nevertheless brought the total filed during the COVID-19 crisis so far to more than 65.1 million — a number equivalent to nearly 41 percent of the nation's total workforce.

The latest filings marked a surprise decrease from the prior week's revised total of 842,000 and came in below economists' expectations for 860,000 new claims, the US Department of Labor figures show.

"The numbers are noisy, but weekly unemployment claims came in below 800,000, which is still good news for Americans who have seen those claims settle in at levels about four times what we saw just one year ago," said Robert Frick, corporate econo-

mist at Navy Federal Credit Union.

While the revised data show new claims dropping below that 800,000 mark for the second time in three weeks, last week's figure was still well above the pre-pandemic record of 695,000 claims in a single week as well as the Great Recession's peak of 665,000.

California appeared to play a large role in the latest decrease as the state updated its figures after putting them on hold for a few weeks to work through a backlog in claims and im-

plement fraud prevention technology.

The feds recorded 158,877 new filings from California last week, down significantly from the placeholder figure of 226,179 that was reported last week. But it's unclear how much of that decline had to do with actual improvements in the labor market.

"This effect may be directly caused by the system reset as the system accepted or processed fewer new claims," said Glassdoor senior economist Daniel Zhao. **Noah Manskar**

Howard deal due

SiriusXM chief: 'We are very far along'

By ALEXANDRA STEIGRAD

The boss of SiriusXM says the satellite-radio giant is "making significant progress" on a deal to extend Howard Stern's contract.

"Howard tells me he's never been happier and our relationship with Howard has never been stronger," outgoing chief executive Jim Meyer said on a Thursday earnings call with investors. "From my perspective we are very far along. But it is never done until it's done. I am very confident we have an agreement to announce soon."

The 66-year-old shock jock's current contract lapses at the end of the year, stirring speculation about whether he'll retire or defect to a rival service like Spotify, which has been on a podcast spending spree this year.

Earlier this month, Bloomberg reported that Sirius was looking to fork

Golden voice

Howard Stern, 66, whose recent deals reportedly paid him up to \$100M a year, shot down a Bloomberg report that he was offered \$120M annually in a new pact.



over \$120 million a year to keep Stern at the satellite giant. Stern on his program quickly shot that down, saying he hasn't seen a new contract and that he and his agent were "kind of baffled" by the report.

"I'm ready to take that deal if I can get it," the shock jock quipped on air. "It sounded awesome."

Stern's previous five-year contracts reportedly have paid him between \$80 million and \$100 million a year.

Meyer, who will retire as CEO on Dec. 31 and become vice chairman of the Sirius board, pointed to recent headline-making deals with stars including Kevin Hart, LeBron James and Maverick Carter in a bid to assure analysts that Sirius is serious about keeping Stern.

"Pat McAfee joined our sports lineup, and we returned to live sports across the MLB, NBA and NFL," Meyer added.

During the quarter ended Sept. 30, SiriusXM added 186,000 new subscribers, giving it 34.4 million in total. Pandora, the company's music-streaming service, added 105,000 new paid subscribers, bringing its tally to 6.4 million.

Overall, third-quarter income edged up 11 percent to \$272 million, or 6 cents a diluted share, as sales remained flat at just over \$2 billion. Analysts expected earnings per share of 5 cents on revenue of \$1.94 billion.

Burger 'green' King in works

Time to get a refill on that Whopper.

Burger King plans to start testing reusable burger boxes and cups next year as part of its efforts to reduce waste.

Diners in New York City, Tokyo and Portland, Ore., will be able to ask for their sandwich or drink in a sturdy, "zero-waste" container that can be cleaned and used multiple times, the fast-food chain announced Thursday.

But there are strings attached — customers who take home their Whopper box will have to put down a deposit that will be refunded whenever they return the container to a participating restaurant, Burger King said.

The pilot program —

which Burger King expects to expand to more cities — is a partnership with Loop, a "circular packaging service" run by New Jersey-based recycling firm TerraCycle. BK didn't say what materials will be used in the containers, but promised they'll be "hygienically cleaned" before reuse.

"The Loop system gives us the confidence in a reusable solution that meets our high safety standards, while also offering convenience for our guests on the go," said Matt-hew Banton, Burger King's Global head of innovation and sustainability.

BK has also launched a "green" Whopper from specially fed cows who pass less methane gas. *Noah Manskar*

Amazon sues over fake kid stuff

Amazon has filed suit over counterfeit child products.

The August complaint, unsealed Thursday, claims 11 individuals in China have been using Amazon to sell knockoffs that appear to have been made by J.L. Childress — a 35-year-old family-owned child-care travel-accessories company.

The alleged fraudsters were shipping products with J.L. Childress' registered trademarks. *Lisa Fickenscher*

Media pals still pulling for lewd Toob



By KEITH J. KELLY

T'S true.

Jeffrey Toobin still has supporters in rarefied media circles despite reportedly unzipping his pants in front of his journalist colleagues on a Zoom call to pleasure himself.

But even legal experts are siding with the Twitter mob, saying the star legal analyst for The New Yorker and CNN has little chance of resuming his duties if his bosses at the Condé Nast title and the cable network choose to cut ties.

As critics like actress Rose McGowan and Post columnist Maureen Callahan have pointed out, some people who know and worked with Toobin at The New Yorker and CNN are still strug-

gling with the notion that they could soon lose this respected analyst for what he describes as a "mistake," even as the rest of the world declares his career over.

Supporters, including former colleagues inside The New Yorker, have told Media Ink that what he did showed bad judgment but was largely a victimless crime that only embarrassed himself, his family and, to some extent, the magazine. And while stupid, it was not in the realm of sexual misconduct à la Hollywood's Harvey Weinstein and TV's Les Moonves.

Some sympathizers have even bandied about ideas for their friend and colleague to gain sympathy by claiming he's a sex addict and seeking out treatment. He could also argue that the pandemic had extended the definition of an office workplace into the confines of his own home, some have said.

But according to employment lawyer Michael O'Neill, none of those lines of reasoning would hold up in a legal tug of war.

"The bottom line is that this type of behavior is so out of place in a work setting that the courts are not going to have a problem rejecting the 'sex addict' argu-

ment," O'Neill said.

The victimless-crime angle, he added, is besides the point. "If an employer chooses to consider masturbating in the workplace a terminable offense, courts are not going to do a 'well, who does it hurt?' analysis. That is clearly the prerogative of the employer."

O'Neill added, "The other obvious point is that other employees cannot be expected to be exposed — no pun intended — to this by another employee. Indeed, employers are obligated to provide a workplace free of unwanted sexual content."

Jonathan Sack at law firm Sack & Sack added Toobin can be canned simply for "jerking off on work time. Masturbating during work hours is not a part of his job function — and please quote me."

Toobin became the talk of the town this week when Vice reported that he was caught masturbating during a virtual "election simulation" in which he was participating with top reporters from The New Yorker and radio station WNYC.

The 60-year-old Harvard alum has called it "an embarrassingly stupid mistake," saying he did not intend for his co-workers to see his

personal business. "I thought I had muted the Zoom video," he said.

The New Yorker, which has been sporting Toobin's byline for 25 years, suspended him pending an investigation, and he has taken a leave from CNN.

Toobin's fate now rests in the hands of The New Yorker editor-in-chief David Remnick, who joined the mag as a writer in the early '90s around the same time as Toobin.

If Toobin is ultimately fired, he might still be able to make money in other ways. He's been cranking out bestsellers for years for Penguin Random House.

Said O'Neill, "Toobin is a writer. If he writes good books, I think he's going to continue to be able to get them published. I don't think he'll be on anybody's masthead for a while, and at 60 years of age, maybe never."

The return of Variety's suspended editor-in-chief may require an enormous amount of bridge-building in a new management structure that seems ripe for problems.

Claudia Eller, who was suspended from her top job at Variety for five months over a spat with a reporter who called her out for saying she's done enough to diversify her newsroom, has been reinstated as a co-EIC until her contract expires in the summer of 2022.

She returns next Monday.

Her departure in June was triggered by a Twitter feud with Piya Sinha-Roy, a senior editor at sister publication The Hollywood Reporter, over Eller's response to the May 25 death of George Floyd under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer.

Eller has since been undergoing diversity training. Jay Penske, the boss at Penske Media, which owns the titles, was broadly hinting to insiders that he was thinking of bringing her back after her suspension.

But as The Wrap, one of Variety's rivals on the Hollywood media scene, reported, some insiders are "appalled" by Eller's return. And it remains to be seen if it's face-saving by Penske Media or if she's really back in the seat of power.





KICKED TO THE CURB?
Reebok may soon be sold.

Adidas may boot Reebok

Adidas is looking to sell its struggling Reebok business after holding onto the American sneaker brand for more than a decade, according to reports on Thursday.

The German sportswear giant has set up an internal team to pursue the sale and aims to close a deal by March of next year, when CEO Kasper Rorsted plans to present a five-year strategy for Adidas, according to Germany's Manager Magazin.

Adidas had hoped to get €2 billion (about \$2.4 billion) for Reebok before the coronavirus pandemic, but Rorsted may now settle for a lower price, the publication reported without saying where it got its information.

Interested buyers reportedly include VF Corp., the apparel conglomerate behind Vans and The North Face, and Chinese sportswear firm Anta Sports.

But an internal review of whether to dump Reebok is still in its early stages, and Adidas will decide in the coming months whether to move forward with a sale, Bloomberg News reported, citing an informed source.

Noah Manskar, Wires

Cancer-vic bias slap at Wells Fargo

A former Wells Fargo manager filed a discrimination claim against the bank after losing his job while on medical leave for cancer.

Reginald Robinson, 65, alleged race, age and disability discrimination in a complaint filed against the company's clearing-services business with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission last month, according to a copy of the document seen by Bloomberg.

Robinson is African American. *Bloomberg*

'ELLIOTT-LESS'

\$41B Singer hedge fund exits NYC for 'tax-free' Fla.

By THORNTON McENERY

Good morning, Sunshine!

Billionaire Paul Singer is the latest financier to close up shop in the Big Apple and head for the Sunshine State — and its many tax advantages. His hedge fund, Elliott Management, will be headquartered in West Palm Beach, Fla., with an office in Connecticut.



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Billionaire Paul Singer is about to become the latest snowbird of prey to fly out of New York City.

The relentless activist investor — who recently squared off against Twitter and AT&T and once famously locked horns with the government of Argentina — is moving the headquarters of his \$41 billion hedge fund, Elliott Management, to Florida, sources told The Post.

That's on the heels of Carl Icahn's decision last year to shutter his New York offices this past spring. As first reported by The Post, the octogenarian corporate raider notified staff that the investment firm was moving to the Sunshine State, with or without them, as he sought warmer weather and lower taxes.

The 76-year-old Singer aims to take a kinder, gentler approach, according to a source close to the firm. Elliott, which is now the biggest hedge fund yet to head south, will open offices in West Palm Beach, Fla., and Greenwich, Conn., to accommodate employees who fled Gotham during the pandemic for life in the suburbs.

Despite moving the fund's headquarters to the

Sunshine State, Singer himself will remain "in the Northeast" and Elliott will retain most of its West 57th Street offices with hundreds of staffers on-site, according to the sources.

The news was first reported by Bloomberg. An

Elliott spokesperson declined to comment.

Florida has been wooing New York's financiers for years with its low taxes, including no individual income taxes, estate taxes or capital-gains taxes.

The pandemic would hasten the flight, as the

wealthy fleeing Manhattan included Singer's co-CEO Jonathan Pollock, who has reportedly been hiding out from the coronavirus in Florida for most of the year. He will be relocating to the new Palm Beach digs permanently.

Billionaire David Tepper,

owner of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, is widely credited as the pioneer of this exodus when, as the wealthiest man in New Jersey in 2016, he took his massive Appaloosa Management to Florida. Although since then he has shuttered the fund, purchased the Panthers and over the summer even returned to New Jersey.

Elliott's massive size means financial-industry assets in Florida will increase by half, according to the research firm Preqin. New York is still by far the largest home for hedge-fund holdings, with \$1.3 trillion, according to the firm.

As The Post reported Thursday, the securities and trading industry accounted for 18 percent — or \$15.1 billion — of New York's total tax collections last year and 6 percent of NYC's tax collections.

But the industry is slated to lose around 7,300 jobs this year due to the pandemic. Last year the industry employed 181,200 people — the highest levels since the 2008 recession.

The city, meanwhile, is on track to take a major hit to its annual tax coffers as the pandemic continues to squeeze small businesses and landlord rent rolls.

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Virus-wary Apple taking its retail to the streets

Apple is experimenting with an outdoor shopping model as it tries to COVID-proof its retail experience.

The iPhone-maker's new "Express" stores — which typically consist of a wall and sales counters erected in front of an Apple Store — arrive as the coronavirus pandemic appears likely to stretch well into the fall and winter.

Customers will still make their orders online, but will pick them up outside instead of waiting to get into the store. The outdoor stores also feature shelves of impulse-buy accessories like iPhone cases and AirPods.

Apple, which closed all of its retail

stores for months during the height of the pandemic, currently employs a mix of masks, social distancing, temperature checks and appointment scheduling to manage traffic at its retail locations.

Deidre O'Brien, senior vice president of retail at Apple, told Reuters that the "Express" store is a contingency model for areas where the infection rates might force it to consider reducing service to curbside pickup.

Apple currently has about 20 such stores in the United States and Europe and plans to expand to 50 across the two regions. *Nicolas Vega*

Pandemic grounds down Brooklyn Roasting Co.

The pandemic has just sunk another beloved Big Apple hot spot.

Brooklyn Roasting Company, known for its colorful logo and flavorful coffee, filed for bankruptcy protection on Thursday and said it's planning to permanently close its remaining retail locations, at 50 W. 23rd St. in Manhattan and 25 Jay St. in Dumbo, Brooklyn, according to Bankruptcy Court documents.

The company is hoping to save its wholesale business, which sells to New York institutions like Columbia University and Goldman Sachs as well as the airports.

Founded in 2009 by Jim Munson, a

former partner in The Brooklyn Brewery, BRC became a beloved New York brand with as many as seven city locations at its peak.

But its problems began before the pandemic when the company over-expanded in an effort to be acquired, according to the filing.

The coffee roaster had been in discussions in 2018 to be acquired for \$22 million by an investment group including the former chief executive of Dunkin' Donuts, the filing states. But the acquisition never happened.

As BRC was getting its footing, the pandemic wiped out more than half of its retail sales. *Lisa Fickenschier*

Sally Brompton



Daily Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

By all means have fun today and over the weekend but don't forget that what you do will have to be paid for. The planets suggest you should keep your spending down to manageable levels, because once you go beyond a certain point it may get out of control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You will receive some good news over the next two or three days, the kind of news you used to get a lot but which seems to have been lacking of late. The cosmic picture is beginning to change and if you change with it then all things are possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You need to be a little less predictable in what you say and do. According to the planets too many people have been taking you for granted - and you have been making it easy for them. Do something different today, and do it really well.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

There are no end of people out there who need your assistance. If you are already involved in some kind of social or charity work then keep at it. If you are not, this is the ideal time to sign up. Change the world one person at a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You must be decisive today, especially when dealing with people who seem incapable of making the smallest decision. That does not mean you must make all their decisions for them - they would probably like that - but it does mean you need to push them harder.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

The Sun is now moving through one of the best areas of your chart

and over the next few weeks you will find yourself moving in directions that surprise you. That applies in particular to your mind - don't be afraid to entertain "controversial" ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Money matters must be taken seriously, but not so seriously that you start worrying about them. If you find yourself feeling anxious it's most likely because you are looking at your financial situation from the wrong angle. Be more positive in your thinking.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Enjoy a little of what you fancy, but not so much that you get sick of it by the end of the day! A degree of moderation is necessary if you are to get the most out of life - going to one extreme or the other is not recommended.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Work-related issues will go very well indeed today, so much so that you might start wondering what the catch is. Don't worry, there is nothing to get alarmed over. On the contrary, colleagues and employers are genuinely well disposed toward you now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Nothing is beyond you at this time of year. All things are possible. That may sound too good to be true but you really can accomplish some remarkable things over the next few weeks, simply by following your instincts and finishing what you start. It's that easy.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You will have to deal with

someone, at home or at work, who is a little on the slow side today. It may be easy to get impatient, maybe even lose your temper, but there's really no point. If you upset them they will probably go even slower!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You don't have to please other people - other people have to please you. The current cosmic picture is so much in your favor that almost anything you desire is available to you, and friends and family members will go out of their way to get it for you.

BIRTHDAY FRIDAY

Good fortune will come your way over the next 12 months, and with it will come new friends and new social and professional responsibilities. You will most likely find that the most challenging situations are the most interesting, and the most rewarding.

Post Weather Report

Friday



Today: A.M. mist; otherwise, low clouds and fog. High 65 to 71.

Tonight: Mild with low clouds and fog. Low 57 to 63.

Sunday

Cooler. High 50 to 56.

Evening
A shower late. Low 47 to 53.

Saturday



Tomorrow: Fog in the morning; variable clouds. High 64 to 70.

Tomorrow night: Partly cloudy and cooler. Low 40 to 46.

Monday

A shower. High 58 to 64.

Evening
A shower late. Low 51 to 57.

Almanac

YESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature

High: 68, Low: 64, Mean: 66

Departure from Normal

Yesterday: +11 degrees

Precipitation

Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 2.73", Year: 34.43", Normal year to date: 40.80"

Heating Degree days yesterday.....0

Total for the month (normal)106 (163)

Total since July 1 (normal)142 (205)

Last season to date138

Wind Chill (at noon yest.) 66

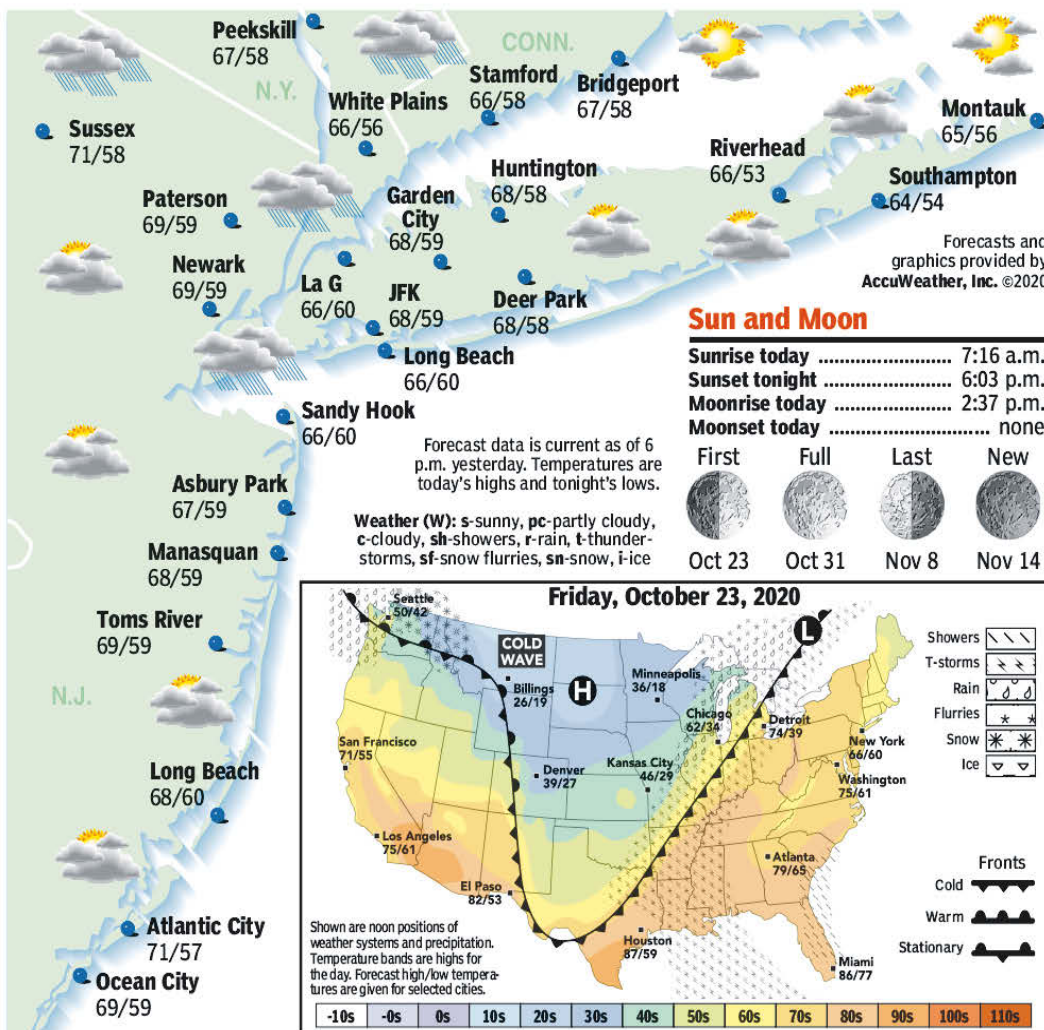
UV index (for Fri.) 1 (Low)

Humidity (at noon) 90%

AIR QUALITY

Pollen: Low. Predominant pollen: Juniper, Aster

AQI rating: (for Fri.)Good



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New York Tides

	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
Coney Island	1:44a	2:07p	2:44a	3:05p
Fire Island	1:41a	2:13p	2:46a	3:21p
Hempstead	5:35a	5:59p	6:51a	7:16p
Huntington	5:17a	5:40p	6:26a	6:51p
Jones Inlet	1:28a	1:51p	2:28a	2:49p
Montauk Point	2:49a	3:24p	4:00a	4:33p
Port Washington	5:47a	6:10p	6:59a	7:25p
Sandy Hook	1:48a	2:11p	2:48a	3:09p

Regional cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	70/56/c	58/35/c
Danbury	66/54/pc	66/35/c
Glens Falls	71/57/c	60/33/c
Gr Barrington	67/56/pc	62/33/c
Kingston	69/58/c	67/35/c
Liberty	67/55/sh	58/31/c
Monticello	67/53/sh	59/31/c
Newburgh	68/59/sh	67/36/c
Poughkeepsie	70/57/sh	66/35/c
Saratoga Springs	70/58/c	60/34/c
Stroudsburg	69/57/sh	64/35/c
Torrington	66/56/pc	64/35/c
Syracuse	77/50/pc	51/33/c

World cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	79/61/s	79/63/s
Baghdad	97/63/pc	96/60/pc
Beijing	63/36/pc	66/40/c
Berlin	61/51/pc	60/48/pc
Cairo	87/68/s	82/66/s
Dublin	51/45/sh	53/44/r
Geneva	58/50/r	61/45/sh
Hong Kong	80/72/c	77/72/c
Jerusalem	83/61/s	81/64/pc
Kabul	72/37/s	69/38/s
London	59/46/sh	61/50/sh
Madrid	60/46/c	61/49/pc
Mexico City	77/48/pc	75/48/pc
Montreal	71/48/pc	53/32/pc
Moscow	55/45/r	51/43/c
Paris	65/51/sh	63/55/pc
Rio de Janeiro	80/69/s	80/72/pc
Rome	70/62/pc	69/52/sh
Sydney	79/69/pc	80/60/t
Tokyo	70/59/r	65/51/pc

The latest in movies, music, TV and more

Hot Ticket

Anne Hathaway's portrayal of the vampy villainess in "The Witches" is charmless.

Roald Dahl remake comes just in time for Halloween — but what's scary is how lame it is

BASIC WITCH

Does Roald Dahl fit for the Age of Snowflakes?

In his books, the British author with a cruel streak depicted schoolchildren being locked in a torture chamber called "the chokey" as punishment ("Matilda"), a kid turning into a blueberry and sent off to be "juiced" ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory") and, in "James and the Giant Peach," a young man is orphaned after his parents are gobbled up by a rhino.

Children lead rocky lives in Dahl's stories, which is a theme that's increasingly out of fashion in our cutesy-wutsey world, as evidenced by Robert Zemeckis' spineless new screen adaptation of "The Witches" on HBO Max.

Like Johnny Depp's 2005 take on "Chocolate Factory," this is a re-tread nobody wanted.

We already have a perfectly respectable film version of "The Witches," directed by Nicolas Roeg in 1990, which was well-received for its dark vision of the



Johnny Oleksinski
MOVIE REVIEW

THE WITCHES Boring as spell.

Running time: 106 minutes. Rated PG (scary images/moments, language and thematic elements). On HBO Max.



tale. Anjelica Huston scarred many a childhood with her grotesque Grand High Witch, brought to monstrous life by puppeteer Jim Henson.

Now, the once-great Zemeckis has gone and gussied up the story of a boy trying to stay safe amid a

plot by secretive witches (led by Anne Hathaway) to rid the planet of kids by turning them all into mice. To eradicate them. And yet there is no peril, there is zero allure and the effects are anything but special.

The film makes one shrewd change. Its setting is now 1960s Alabama, rather than Britain, and the orphaned boy at the plot's center is black, with a grandma (Octavia Spencer) who ardently believes in voodoo and witchcraft. That switcheroo is the one compelling reason for the movie's existence. There are no others.

How Alfonso Cuarón ("Roma") and Guillermo del Toro ("Pan's Labyrinth") came to produce this on-screen crib mobile is beyond me. The geniuses must've not been paying attention during the Zoom meetings.

As soon as Charlie (Jahzir Bruno) and Grandma leave her small house to seek refuge in a luxurious hotel for the rich, and the witches arrive under the guise of the Society for the Pre-

vention of Cruelty to Children, Zemeckis loses his grip on the pace and suspense. There are ups and downs in the script to be sure — the discovery of the witches, chase scenes, the magic folk's demise — but Zemeckis gives them no energy so Little Timmy won't get upset.

Usually technology plays a big role in Zemeckis' projects: super-imposing Tom Hanks realistically into historical footage in "Forrest Gump" and just about all of "Back to the Future," for instance. The CGI in "The Witches" is bottom of the cauldron. When Charlie and his friend Bruno (Codie-Lei Eastick) are turned into mice by the coven, along with their pal Daisy (Kristin Chenoweth), the rodents look like a step backward from 1999's "Stuart Little."

Spencer, for her part, does the reliably comforting work we expect of her, but her turn in the thriller "Ma" shows how offbeat and magnetic she can be in the right roles. She could play Grandma in a coma.

Still, the grandest disappointment is the Grand High Witch.

I dreamed a dream that Hathaway had not been cast in such an oversize part, because having fun always looks like a chore for her, as though she's Marian the Librarian from "The Music Man." Her nutso Nordic interpretation of the villainess says "Isn't this crazy?! Aren't I funny?!" Answer to both: No.

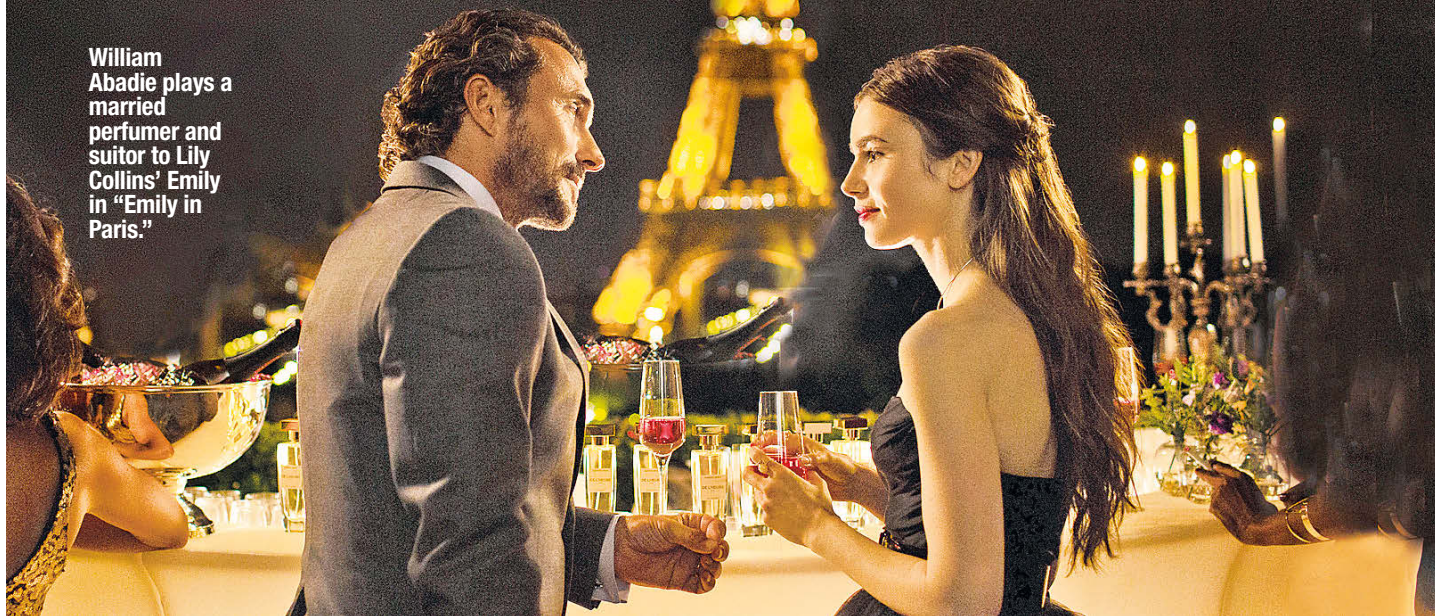
Her spin on the Euro fashionista sorceress taps into Zemeckis' camp film "Death Becomes Her," but it's in rather less capable hands than those of Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn.

Hathaway floats in the air a few times and the sides of her mouth are slit — a la Heath Ledger's Joker — but even that deformation doesn't make her frightening or threatening. You're supposed to believe this woman wants all children dead, and instead, you believe she is sometimes rude to Bergdorf's employees.

She can't be too mean — it'll scare the weakling kids!

Merci beau-cute

William Abadie plays a married perfumer and suitor to Lily Collins' Emily in "Emily in Paris."



French actor William Abadie honed his charm as a maitre d' in NYC — and is now Netflix's top hottie in 'Emily in Paris'

By JANE RIDLEY

AS the former maitre d' of tony Upper East Side eatery Le Bilboquet, William Abadie is used to shielding boldface names such as Bono and Ron Perelman from attention while they dine out.

Now the 47-year-old bachelor has to protect his own privacy since he's skyrocketed to fame as one of the sexy stars of Netflix's smash-hit show "Emily in Paris."

"It's happened a few times that people have come up to me when I'm sitting outside at restaurants," said Manhattan resident Abadie, who plays philandering perfumer Antoine Lambert in the show about audacious expat Emily trying to make her way in France. "Because that's when I've removed my mask."

"Otherwise, I can go unrecognized, because I've shaved, and I'm always wearing a mask and a cap. It's a bit like I'm in hiding."

The surprisingly shy Frenchman still juggles his showbiz career with occasional work in the hospitality industry. However, with his star in the ascendant, you will be more likely to see him on the silver screen than schmoozing clientele.

"I try to keep the two professions separate, but, in both cases, you need to have a fond-



Abadie, 47, worked at Le Bilboquet before scoring roles on "Homeland," "Gossip Girl" and more.

ness for people," said Abadie, who quit Le Bilboquet after a 10-year stint in 2015 to launch his own high-end cocktail party venture.

Last year, he was delighted to win the part of Lambert in "Emily in Paris" and mix with Lily Collins, who has the title role.

His married character, who is having an affair with Emily's beguiling boss Sylvie, is charmed by the young American and tries to bed her, too.

"It is part of the history of humanity that people of different ages flirt with each other," said

the actor. "I've certainly had my own adventures in that area, especially when I was younger, with women who have been a bit older than me."

The lighthearted series has been criticized for reinforcing French stereotypes with its portrayal of dallying males and snooty females who eschew meals in favor of cigarettes.

But Abadie, who has appeared in Showtime's "Homeland" and the CW's "Gossip Girl," maintains it is "a bit of escapism" and "a fantasy" during the pandemic — a time when we could all do with a distraction.

As a former Parisian, he particularly enjoyed the 2 1/2 months of filming in the City of Light between August and October 2019. "It is a city full of fashion, intelligence and beauty," he said.

To prepare for his role as a master perfumer, he did a lot of research into the fabled French perfume scene.

"I have friends who are executives in perfume houses in Paris," said Abadie. "It was good that I could draw inspiration from them for my character."

Returning to the subject of his character's complicated love life, the gym- and motorcycle-fanatic actor declared: "He is a much greater womanizer than I am or ever have been myself."

Since "Emily in Paris" began streaming earlier this month, his Instagram account has blown up with messages from admirers proposing marriage.

"They say things like: 'Please be my boyfriend' or 'Take me to the Eiffel Tower,' and it's very flattering," Abadie said with a laugh. "I'm always very thankful and try to reply to their comments."

He admitted dating in New York was "challenging" during the lockdown, but that he is "a fairly happy camper."

"I don't want to be too pushy about anything," he concluded. "I've just tried to let the stars align."

NY movie theaters are reopening — here's where to go

New York movie theaters have finally reopened — mostly! This week, Gov. Cuomo permitted cinemas in the state outside of New York City to start screening films again starting Friday, at 25 percent capacity and with a maximum of 50 masked patrons.

Still, it's a big enough step for the industry that Regal backedpedaled on its plan to temporarily shutter all of its US theaters, and decided to keep 11 in New York open.

NYC may not have the movies back yet, but you can make the trek to go see one if you live in the city. Here is the closest open theater to each of the five boroughs.

MANHATTAN

For Midtown and lower Manhattan: Bow Tie Cinemas (409-415 14th St., Hoboken, NJ) — a 15-minute drive from Times Square or a 23-minute bus ride, and you have to go into New Jersey. For upper Manhattan: Showcase Cinemas de Lux Cross County (2 South Drive, Yonkers, NY) — a 20-minute drive from Columbia University, or 90 minutes via train and bus.

QUEENS

AMC Roosevelt Field (630 Old Country Road, Garden City, NY) — a 25-minute drive from Flushing Meadows Corona Park, or 90 minutes via bus.

BROOKLYN

Regal Lynbrook & RPX (321 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, NY) — a 42-minute drive from Williamsburg, or 90 minutes via several trains. AMC Roosevelt Field is equidistant for Brooklynites closer to the East River.

THE BRONX

Showcase Cinemas de Lux Cross County (2 South Drive, Yonkers, NY) — a 15-minute drive from Grand Concourse, or 40 minutes via train and bus.

STATEN ISLAND

AMC Aviation 12 (1200 S. Stiles St., Linden, NJ) — a 30-minute drive from the Ferry Terminal.

— Johnny Oleksinski

Sharon Osbourne opens up about depression, her suicide attempts and how help is out there

By MICHAEL STARR

THE TALK” recently marked its 10th anniversary on CBS, a decade underscored by outspoken co-host Sharon Osbourne’s willingness to chat about anything, including her decades-long battle with depression. Earlier this month — on an episode about mental-health awareness — she discussed her 2015 suicide attempt, which was kept quiet at the time while she took a five-week hiatus from the show to recover.

In an interview with The Post, Osbourne, 68, elaborated on her struggles, which she keeps in check with a regimen of medication and therapy.

“People look at me like, ‘Oh, she’s so strong. She’s such a loudmouth, she’s this, she’s that,’” she said. “But that’s just one side of me. When you’re the matriarch of a family and run a business and work at your own career, things just pile up.

“I was at the point several times where I just couldn’t take it anymore.”

Osbourne — who has been married to rock icon Ozzy Osbourne, 71, for 38 years — wants to help remove the stigma associated with mental-health issues and discussed her personal journey and how people struggling with this illness are not alone.

How did you attempt suicide in 2015?

I took a whole bunch of pills. I did. I have to admit, the first two [attempts, also with pills] were a cry for help. But not the last one. People think because you work on TV or film or whatever it is, and you’re a known personality, “Well, they don’t have problems.” We have the same problems as everyone else. There are only a handful of problems, and they go around and around and around. It’s something people don’t un-

CBS via Getty Images

Sharon Osbourne, 68, juggles co-hosting “The Talk” and keeping an eye on husband Ozzy and her three kids, including daughter Kelly (inset).



REAL ‘TALK’

derstand, the voices in your head . . . the repetitive thoughts in your mind. You try to sleep at night, but you can’t, because there’s that voice over and over again — and you’ll do anything to make it stop. But it won’t.

Were you sorry that your last attempt failed?

Yes. I didn’t want to be here. But I learned so much about coping mechanisms while I was in treatment. I talk to my therapist as often as I can, and I’m in a really good place now. It’s important to talk about it. However bad the situation is at the time, however dark your life might be, things change, situations change.

Is there a history of mental illness in your family?

I don’t know, but I think my mother was very depressed, only because she would take to her room for days at a time and not talk, and I never knew why and didn’t understand what it was. Only as I got older and

my depression got worse did I realize that it wasn’t something that just started. I’ve had it all my life but I didn’t know until I was in my 40s what it was.

What’s the most important message you want to convey regarding mental health and wellness?

I don’t want people to do what I did and feel like, “There’s something wrong with me. Why aren’t I like everybody else?” I didn’t get help as a young woman — I didn’t know what was wrong with me and I didn’t understand the thoughts I had and why I would isolate and feel all of these things. I was just so depressed but I didn’t understand I was depressed. Believe me, there are millions of people all over the world who feel the same way. They’ve just got to go and get help . . . It’s nothing to be ashamed of.

If you are struggling with suicidal thoughts or are experiencing a mental health crisis, call the 24/7 National Suicide Prevention hotline at 800-273-8255 or go to [SuicidePreventionLifeline.org](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

Animated lunar flick sticks the landing

One indicator of skillful animation on-screen is if the food looks tasty.

And, man, does it ever in Netflix’s “Over the Moon.” A Chinese family chows down at the beginning of the sweet new CGI movie, and the steamed crabs, dumplings, soups and pickles nearly sent me drooling to Grubhub. It’s an impressively realistic touch from a studio that’s neither Disney nor DreamWorks.

Longtime Disney anima-

MOVIE REVIEW OVER THE MOON ★★★

tor Glen Keane’s film goes for the heart rather than the mind, where Pixar has planted its flag for decades. A young girl named Fei Fei (Cathy Ang) has been lost and listless since the death of her mom (Ruthie Ann Miles), and it’s gotten worse since her dad has started

seeing someone else.

To reconnect to the memory of her mother, who regaled her with stories of the Chinese moon goddess Chang’e, Fei Fei decides to build a rocket and fly to space to prove the deity is real. The movie is also a musical, with songs by Christopher Curtis, who wrote Broadway’s “Chaplin.” The catchy lunar tunes leap around genres, from inspiring ballads such as “Rocket to the Moon” to a high-energy dance-pop number called “Ultraluminary.”

That sparkler of a song is sung by Chang’e (Phillipa Soo) — spoiler alert: She’s real! — after Fei Fei and her

soon-to-be stepbrother reach their dreamy destination. They say to never meet your heroes, and the young girl soon discovers Chang’e is a mean diva who expected a gift upon arrival. Fei Fei is shaken, but she goes off in search of a suitable present anyway. The design of the

moon is dazzlingly psychedelic, with neon pinks, greens and blues, and it’s inhabited by smiley blobs that look like a cult of marshmallow peeps. At one point, a pack of frogs swims through space. Why? Who cares!

As with many films of this

ilk, a solo expression of individualism brings on a newfound appreciation for Fei Fei’s family back on Earth. We’ve seen this journey before, but, to its credit, “Over the Moon” gives fleshed-out stories to just about everyone the girl meets, including Chang’e, who’s rude for a reason, and Gobi (Ken Jeong), a doglike former adviser whom the goddess exiled for singing.

The movie can, at times, be too nice. Just don’t come looking for the dark side of the moon.

Running time: 95 minutes. Rated PG (some thematic elements, mild action). On Netflix.

— Johnny Oleksinski

Bungee the rabbit and Fei Fei soar through space.



MAN ON THE STREET

Danny Clinch



Documentary goes inside the making of Springsteen's new album with the E Street Band — together in the studio for the first time since 1984

By **CHUCK ARNOLD**

FOR Bruce Springsteen, the E Street Band is more than the trusted posse of players with whom he was born to run throughout his storied career.

They're his religion. "The E Street Band is not a job — it is a vocation, a calling," says the New Jersey rock god in the new Apple TV+ documentary "Bruce Springsteen's Letter to You," premiering today. "It is both one of the most important things in your life — and, of course, it's only rock 'n' roll."

The film goes inside the making of "Letter to You," Springsteen's new album that also drops today. Over five days of recording his first studio LP with the E Street Band since 2014's "High Hopes," the doc — featuring narration by Springsteen — captures their undeniable, unbreakable bond.

"These guys had a secret language together," director Thom Zimny told The Post. The experience was like "watching a master class on a band and a bandleader," he said. "They were completely alive in the moment, but they also took the time to reflect on the journey."

Having worked with The Boss

for 20 years, Zimny — who won an Emmy for directing 2018's "Springsteen on Broadway" — got a new perspective as "a fly on the wall" watching him record his first album live together with the E Street Band since 1984's "Born in the U.S.A." (The parts for "High Hopes" were recorded separately.)

"When you walk into a room and you see the E Street Band . . . it's like the energy of a concert in a small room," said Zimny. "The biggest surprise was this beautiful thing that unfolds when they all start to play together a song that they've never heard before. I don't think I was ready for it. There's

something magical that happens when the E Street Band gathers together and creates a song. I was just grateful that I had cameras to hopefully capture it."

Springsteen describes his "45-year conversation" with his musical brethren toward the beginning of the black-and-white film: "The E Street Band is a finely tuned instrument of great flexibility and power. They can float like a butterfly and sting like a bee. Our years of playing together have created a shorthand and efficiency in the studio comparable to that of a finely tuned racing engine. We are a unit 45 years in the making, dec-

In "Bruce Springsteen's Letter to You," a new black-and-white film streaming now on Apple TV+, director and die-hard fan Thom Zimny (above left) plays a fly on the wall during Springsteen's latest intimate recording sessions with the E Street Band (top right).

'Letter to You' is a timeless throwback

Bruce Springsteen's new album, "Letter to You," feels like a postcard from a bygone era — one long before texts, FaceTime and Zoom.

Released today, it might as well have arrived by Pony Express from decades ago.

Certainly, this is a nostalgia trip back to a more innocent, less scary time with an old friend — and his old friends.

This is the first time Springsteen and the E Street Band have recorded an entire studio album while playing all

together since 1984's classic "Born in the U.S.A."

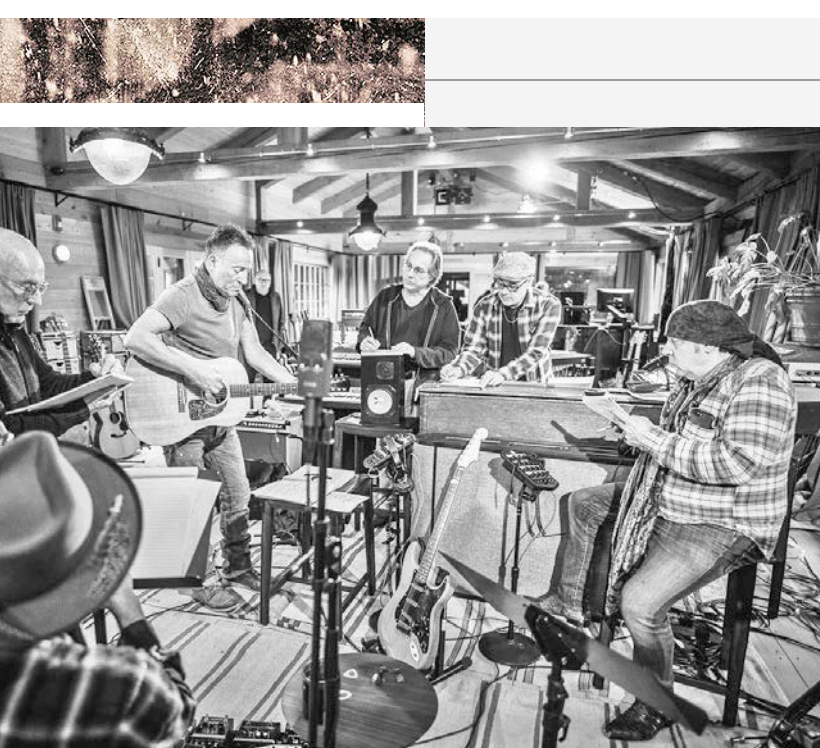
No doubt, this was a family reunion in every sense. Even Clarence Clemons — who passed away in 2011 — is there in spirit, with his nephew Jake Clemons on sax.

That warm family feeling pervades "Letter to You," a sonic tonic for these troubling times. That sense of history and deep-rooted connectivity from having rocked through the ages together extends to George Theiss — Springsteen's comrade from his first band, the Castiles — whose 2018 death inspired

the new LP.

From the moment he sings "One minute you're here/ Next minute you're gone" on the opening track "One Minute You're Here" — which serves to bridge the wistful country-folk of 2019's "Western Stars" to this album — there's a sense of loss and longing at the heart of it all.

Gracefully confronting his own aging, the 71-year-old Springsteen dresses being the best of both worlds, standing "from the shoulders of giants" on one of the star-studded "Rock of ages lift me up/Somewhere over the rainbow/Hard and loud/Somewhere deep into the heart of the crowd/I'm the las-



sense of how cinematic his music was . . . The music has carried on and grown with me throughout the chapters in my own development as both an artist and a man.”

But Zimny is able to balance being a lifelong fan with doing the job at hand. “I feel like the responsibility I have working with Bruce is to be able to wear many hats in telling the story,” he said. “There’s a part of me that wants to draw upon being a fan and remembering how I connected to some of the music. But I also have to be in the moment collaborating with an artist that I admire. There’s not a moment of fandom that carries over and gets in the way of being able to be creative in the space.”

Looking back on shooting “Bruce Springsteen’s Letter to You” a year ago — before social distancing was a thing and live music came to a halt — is “bittersweet” for Zimny, whether it’s watching the band hug each other or seeing them do shots together at the end of the day.

“There’s small gestures that read differently now to me,” he said. “You can hear their excitement of going on the road and sharing this music with fans. I’m just very grateful to have the trust with this band and Bruce to capture this moment right before everything was shut down.”

ades in the refining, and we bring that power to bear when we engage with you.”

Growing up in Point Pleasant, NJ, Zimny worshipped Springsteen long before he got to collaborate with his idol. “My connection with Bruce came early on, listening to ‘Darkness on the Edge of Town’ as the first record that I owned,” he said. “I was able to really get a

standing now.”

Despite the fragility of mortality in counting “the names of the missing,” there’s a muscularity to the music with the E Street Band that, pre-pandemic, was clearly meant for these tunes to be taken on tour in arenas.

“Letter to You” — which, although framed as a roman-

tic rocker in the title track, continues the career-long conversation Springsteen has been having both with his fans and his beloved band — ends with hope amid the heartache on “I’ll See You in My Dreams”: “We’ll meet and live and laugh again . . . For death is not the end.”

— Chuck Arnold



Armie Hammer and Lily James play a fraught couple in Netflix’s redo of “Rebecca.”

Pretty weak

Even with gorgeous leads and stunning sets, ‘Rebecca’ is an unremarkable remake

By JOHNNY OLEKSINSKI

THE biggest shock of Netflix’s new adaptation of “Rebecca” comes early on. The wealthy Maxim de Winter (Armie Hammer) asks a shy young servant (Lily James), who he meets at a Monte Carlo hotel, to marry him and move into his sprawling estate in England.

What?! James is a shy servant, and no one has ever proposed to her? Unbelievable. That definitely doesn’t jibe with recent headlines about how British men behave around James while in Europe.

James, talented though she is, is emblematic of director Ben Wheatley’s downfall here: gorgeous aesthetic given favor over taut storytelling. The cast is a walking-talking Vogue spread and the scope of Manderley, the home by the sea, outdoes Alfred Hitchcock’s more intimate setting of the first “Rebecca” of the 1940s. That does not make it better.

The young woman, an unnamed narrator in Daphne du Maurier’s 1938 novel, is plagued by paranoia and feelings of inadequacy over Maxim’s dead wife, Rebecca. Hitchcock amped this up, winning a Best Picture Oscar, with shadows and claustrophobic tête-à-têtes. But every conversation in the 2020 “Rebecca” seems to happen beneath a 50-foot ceiling, as if Robin Leach could emerge from a door at any moment.

The naïve new Mrs. de Winter is especially bullied by Mrs. Danvers (Kristin Scott Thomas), the housekeeper in charge of Manderley who is fiercely devoted to the late Rebecca.

“Don’t worry — she’s not as scary as she

seems,” Maxim says, after the women first meet. Wanna bet?

During one of the tensest scenes in the airy film, Danvers brusquely brushes the new lady of the house’s hair and natters on about her beloved Rebecca.

“She’s still here,” Danvers says, ghoulishly. “We feel her. I wonder what she’s thinking about you? Taking her husband, using her name.” Crack that whip!

Scott Thomas sounds like she’s about to pull out a shiv and knife her new boss right then and there. The actress is so good, you

wish she could reprise the role in a better film that actually deserves her.

“Rebecca” cannot survive on Danvers alone, however. Maxim and his new wife fuel the mystery and chilling suspense of the story that unfolds, and unfolds . . . and unfolds. Part of what’s kept du Maurier’s novel popular for more than 80 years is a tone of supernatural horror that reveals itself to be a psychological thriller.

Hammer and James don’t sell any specific tone. Hammer works best in hollow roles — such as the Winklevoss twins in “The Social Network” — and doesn’t sing in parts with troublesome layers and backstory. Maxim’s cool exterior conceals impossible anguish, and it is an acting challenge for which Hammer does not have the tools.

James is better. She’s a deep-feeling actress, who made “Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again” sparkle against all odds. The casting isn’t quite right though, and most of the film’s other elements don’t support her. For now, James’ most gripping story about a spurned wife can be found, not on Netflix, but on Page Six.

MOVIE REVIEW

REBECCA Rocky romance.

Running time: 121 minutes.
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Scott nearly jumped back to WFAN slot

By ANDREW MARCHAND

While Evan Roberts is in line to be Craig Carton's partner on WFAN during afternoons, he was not the station's first choice. The Post has learned. WFAN executives, led by Chris Oliviero, heavily recruited Bart Scott to leave ESPN and return to 101.9 FM/660 AM, according to sources.

It was close to happening.

BART SCOTT
Staying with ESPN.

Scott fit the description of what WFAN wanted in Carton's partner. He is an ex-athlete with radio experience, like Carton's former morning partner, Boomer Esiason. The issue is that Scott was under a recently signed contract with a rival.

Scott, according to sources, was intrigued by the possibility of returning to WFAN in prime real estate, for more money and with Oliviero leading the management team again.

Oliviero, along with WFAN vice president Mark Chernoff, originally put Scott together with Chris Carlin and Maggie Scott, in place of Mike Francesa. Oliviero left Entercom shortly after the CMB group's removal.

In late May, Oliviero returned, which first signaled Carton's potential return.

With Scott on the radar, Oliviero spoke with his counterpart at ESPN New York, Tim McCarthy, to ask permission to speak to Scott. While this is somewhat akin to the Yankees and Mets making a trade, McCarthy, according to sources, allowed Scott to speak with WFAN, not wanting to prevent what could be a potential upgrade to the announcer's career, even if it meant competing against ESPN New York's "The Michael Kay Show."

At the same time Scott, McCarthy, Scott's agent, Mark Lepselter, and top ESPN executives discussed expanding Scott's presence on the network. Promises about future consideration have been made to expand Scott's impact on ESPN.

This has already occurred. Scott has filled in this week for Jay Williams on ESPN Radio's national morning show, with Keyshawn Johnson and Zubin Mehenti.

If Scott had come on board, Roberts would have shifted to middays, with WFAN hoping to re-sign Gray, who currently hosts with Marc Malusis.

As for the big show that will see Carton replace the retiring Joe Benigno, WFAN thinks Carton and Roberts can work. Carton may need to change after spending a year in prison for misallocating loans to pay off gambling debts, but he will run any program he is on.

Executives at WFAN, along with Carton, think Roberts' sports geek-ism is a match with Carton's zaniness.

There is also a feeling Roberts might have more range that he couldn't really show because of Benigno's style. Roberts is a huge Howard Stern fan and started his career doing a SiriusXM Maxim show.

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Meet Record: 44/195 \$263.80

1 1 mile; \$80,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-olds in the Friday opener. Motts **MILLEFEUILLE** came on late, only 3/4 short debuting at this distance. Edge over 1st time starter **PLUM AWESOME**. Saez rides the Curlin filly for Pletcher. **JAMSSTAR** finished 4th, well back of Millefeuille. Narrows the gap, gets a share.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Millefeuille, 119	J Rosario	2-x-x	Mott	8-5
2 Wedding Band, 119	J Lezcano	x-x-x	Breen	6-1
3 Jamsstar, 119	D Davis	4-3-x	Casse	9-2
4 Mo Dean, 119	I Ortiz, Jr	5-2-x	C Brown	5-2
5 Plum Awesome, 119	L Saez	x-x-x	Pletcher	5-2

2 1 1/16 miles(T); \$65,000; c1m(\$50,000); 3YO(f)

The **LITTLE RED FROG** is 0 for 4 on turf but has made the board each time. Missed by a diminishing 3/4 last out. Maker gives her another 1/16 to get her lawn degree. **MIRABELL MEI** ran 6th of 7, at 34-1 upstate. Moves lower. Johnny V replaces Lezcano who stays on top pick. **LEEWAY** held on to defeat Little Red Frog. 2 for 2 at Belmont. Tough again.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Mirabell Mei(L), 118	J Velazquez	6-8-8	Terranova II	2-1
2 Leeway(L), 118	J Rosario	1-2-8	Clement	5-2
3 Little Red Frog(L), 118	J Lezcano	3-2-3	Maker	9-2
4 R V Treasure(L), 118	L Saez	1-2-5	Saville	15-1
5 Sky Kitten(L), 118	M Franco	4-1-4	Donk	12-1
6 Flashing Red(L), 118	J Castellano	1-6-3	Morley	6-1
7 Lady Fatima(L), 118	D Davis	7-7-7	Casse	4-1

3 7 fur(T); \$70,000; mdn; 3up(f)

Dozen donuts for **DANCING KIKI**. She's 0 for 12 but hit the board twice at 'toga and ran home 3rd racing 7/8 here in June. **KEPT WAITING** runnerup last 3 starts. Falcone gets Irad to seal the deal. **EQUANT** (a troubled 5th) and **MOON SWEEPER** (3rd) when they debuted here last month. **LUCKY LATKES** has hit the board 3 of 4.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Homerun Honey(M), 120	B Hernandez	7-x-x	Kantarmaci	30-1
2 Equant(L), 120	L Saez	5-x-x	Ribauda	10-1
3 Bella Domenica(L), 120	Rider TBA	4-2-3	Serpe	8-1
4 Lookin to Fly(L), 120	K Carmouche	2-6-3	Nevin	10-1
5 Lucky Latkes(L), 120	J Rosario	2-5-3	Clement	7-2
6 Dancing Kiki(L), 120	D Davis	3-2-4	Ryerson	4-1
7 Kept Waiting(L), 120	I Ortiz, Jr	2-2-2	Falcone	3-2
8 Beautiful Karen(L), 120	J Lezcano	3-4-2	Rice	5-2
9 Favorite Impulse(L), 120	E Cancel	4-10-x	Grossman	15-1
10 Moon Sweeper(L), 120	J Lezcano	3-x-x	Hennig	6-1
11 Vienna Code, 113	L Cardenas	8-x-x	Williams	30-1

4 6 1/2 fur; \$35,000; c1m(\$20,000); 3up

MINE THE COIN got his nose down to win a photo, his 2nd win from 14 starts. A 3rd in the cards racing for new handler Levine. Will have to catch **STEAM ENGINE**. Led, tired to 4th tackling optional claimers at this distance here in June. The one to beat moving sharply lower for Cox. **TWELFTH LABOUR** Turf to dirt for Rice. Board hitter 2 of last 3 on dirt. Lezcano replaces Davis who moves to **CAUSE OF ACTION**.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Mine the Coin(L), 123	L Saez	1-3-2	Levine	7-2
2 Ventus(L), 123	H Harkie	5-7-3	Barrera	15-1
3 Coolboy(L), 121	I Ortiz, Jr	10-4-8	Dharamjit	8-1
4 Steam Engine(L), 121	J Ortiz	6-4-2	Cox	2-1
5 Coral Legacy(L), 121	E Cancel	8-4-4	Lerman	12-1
6 Sargeant Drive(L), 121	K Carmouche	2-7-2	Englehart	12-1
7 Twelfth Labour(L), 121	J Lezcano	6-4-3	Rice	5-2
8 Indigo Yankee(L), 114	L Cardenas	4-7-8	Englehart	20-1
9 Cause of Action(L), 123	D Davis	11-7-6	Barker	15-1

Belmont Results

FIRST-1 mile(T); \$50,000; c1m(\$25,000); 3up

3 Ghst Gnt (Crmuch) 5.70 3.40 2.50
8 Nutzforboltz (Ortiz) 3.80 2.50
6 Dr. Shane (Saez) 2.90
Scr: Just Right, Dark Money, I Love Jaxson.
● \$1 Exacta (3-8) pays \$11.50 ● \$0.1
Superfecta (3-8-6-9) \$33.55 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (3-8-6) \$22.25

SECOND-6 1/2 fur; \$55,000; alw; 3up

5 Saratop Nl (Cncel) 5.60 2.70 2.10
7 Advance Notice (Ortiz Jr.) 2.60 2.10
2 Bernin' Thru Gold (Lezcano) 2.90
Scr: No Lime.
● \$1 Daily Double (3-5) \$8.00 ● \$1 Exacta (5-7) \$7.70 ● \$1 Quinella (5-7) \$3.80 ● \$0.1
Superfecta (5-7-2-1) \$5.05 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (5-7-2) \$13.62

Exacta picked by Vic C

THIRD-7 fur(T); \$74,000 alw; 3up(f)

1 Rsky Mschf (Ortz Jr.) 4.10 2.70 2.20
5 Vpy Nation (Carmouche) 4.20 3.00
8 Purrageous Dyna (Castellano) 3.00
Scr: Merlins Muse, Puffery, Cathy Naz.
● \$1 Pick 3 (3-5-1) 3 Correct \$18.80 ● \$1 Daily Double (5-1) \$6.50 ● \$1 Exacta (1-5) \$7.80 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (1-5-8-2) \$11.25 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (1-5-8) \$14.12

Exacta & Double picked by Vic C

FOURTH-1 1/16 milesT; \$65,000; c1(\$50,0); 3Y

8 Dyndrive (Lezno) 9.90 3.70 2.60
6 Me and Mr. C (Ortiz Jr.) 3.00 2.20
1 Talking (Castellano) 2.90
Scr: Fed Funds, Blood Moon.
● \$1 Pick 3 (5-1-8) 3 Correct \$55.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (1-8) \$15.10 ● \$1 Exacta (8-6) \$15.80 ● \$1 Quinella (6-8) \$7.90 ● \$0.1 Superfecta

5 1 1/16m(T); \$43,000; mdn c1m(\$40,000); 3up

Parked wide **LOKOYA ROAD** never factored last out. Only 2 lengths short in his only other start at this distance. Irad rides for Maker. **VICARAGE** ran home 2nd, then 4th at this level/distance. In the mix again. Clement gets Rosario back. **ON DUTY** Midpack at Parx with mdn spl wgts. Franco picks up the mount.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 On Duty(L), 120	M Franco	5-4-x	Hills	12-1
2 Accessible(L), 120	J Ortiz	5-3-2	Maker	4-1
3 Vicarage(L), 120	J Rosario	4-2-6	Clement	5-2
4 Lokoya Road(L), 120	I Ortiz, Jr	7-4-4	Maker	6-1
5 Feeling Dangerous(L), 113	L Cardenas	9-5-6	Summers	20-1
6 Till Then(L), 124	J Castellano	5-2-x	Thomas	6-1
7 Holy Emperor(L), 120	D Davis	6-7-2	J Jenkins	3-1
8 Pool Shark(L), 124	L Saez	6-4-x	Breen	12-1
9 Ballydooley, 120	K Carmouche	7-12-16	Nevin	30-1
10 Loaded Joe(L), 124	J Martinez	2-8-7	DiPrima	50-1
11 My First Grammy(L), 120	Rider TBA	3-6-12	R Klesaris	6-1

6 1 mile(T); \$55,000; alw; 3up

Sweet 16. **SIDD FINCH** won by 16 lengths to finally graduate on his 16th attempt. Competitively spotted, same oval/distance. **CHOCOLATE BAR** Outrun in a 100k at Pimlico. Just missed racing allowance under J Ortiz 2 back. **OUR COUNTRY** trained by Weaver who also saddles Sidd Finch. Close 2nd with claimers but last of 7 with allowance previously.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Knockout Punch(L), 122	M Franco	4-2-7	Dunham	15-1
2 Sidd Finch(L), 124	E Cancel	1-6-4	Weaver	6-1
3 Sneakiness(L), 122	J Lezcano	8-3-5	Rice	8-1
4 More Like It(L), 113	L Cardenas	2-7-2	B Brown	6-1
5 Chocolate Bar(L), 120	J Ortiz	9-2-1	Maker	2-1
6 Our Country(L), 118	K Carmouche	2-7-7	Weaver	9-2
7 Alley Oop Johnny(L), 120	D Davis	2-5-2	B Brown	5-1
8 Implied Volatility(L), 124	L Saez	3-8-5	Rodriguez	15-1
9 No Salt(L), 120	J Alvarado	1-2-9	Mott	12-1
10 Striking Speed(L), 120	Rider TBA	4-2-1	Rodriguez	9-5
11 Unrelenting Force(L), 120	M Franco	2-4-1	Handal	8-5

7 7 fur; \$74,000; alw; 3up

Six wins in a row for the speedy **BEARS MAFIA**, the latest here by open lengths. Proven at 7/8. One more? **FORT WORTH** showed 3rd this level/distance after winning previous pair traveling longer/shorter. Another try for Pletcher. **ZONIC** scored, then 2nd best as fave, both with claimers. A price today moving higher. J Ortiz a good sign. **BOURBON BAY** Up to top allowance here last month. 0 for 2 at this shorter distance.

CHARLIE MCCOY Clear 2nd racing 7 panels at Aqueduct before going on the shelf. May need a race; may spice deep exotics.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Fort Worth(L), 123	I Ortiz, Jr	3-1-1	Pletcher	3-1
2 Celtic Chaos(L), 123	L Saez	6-1-5	Rodriguez	8-1
3 Kazmania(L), 121	B Hernandez	9-6-5	Jones	30-1
4 Charlie McCoy(L), 121	J Lezcano	2-5-1	Nevin	8-1
5 Build to Suit(L), 121	M Franco	5-5-1	C Brown	7-2
6 Runaway Lute(L), 123	J Rosario	1-1-3	Atras	12-1
7 Bears Mafia(L), 125	D Davis	1-1-1	Englehart	7-2
8 Zonic(L), 121	J Ortiz	2-1-3	Noda	15-1
9 Freaky Styley(L), 123	E Cancel	5-1-1	Abreu	15-1
10 Bourbon Bay(L), 120	J Velazquez	1-8-2	Hennig	6-1

8 1 1/8m(T); \$38,000; c1m(\$30,000); 3up(f)

Winners of 1, none proven at this distance. **MICROMILLION** finished full of run, getting up in the final yards to break her maiden. Well spotted and should get the 9 furlongs. Pletcher trains for Repole. Stablemate **LIDO KEY** closed well to get 2nd money last pair and may also benefit stretching out. Irad up. **MOPOLKA** Midpack at 23-1 after earning diploma 2 back. Shakes lower. And **STERLING BEAUTY** was 3rd, at 19-1, only 3/4 back of

(8-6-1-3) \$23.42 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (8-6-1) \$25.50

FIFTH-6 1/2 fur; \$38,000; mdn c1(\$30,0); 3up

1 a-Jnt nd Svrl (Ortz Jr.) 3.20 2.30 2.10
6 Mucho Sunshine (Mrtzn) 16.20 8.80
2 Kith (Cardenas) 4.50
● \$1 Pick 3 (1-8-1) 3 Correct \$25.75 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (1-6-2) \$70.25 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (1-6-2-5) \$45.25 ● \$1 Daily Double (8-1) \$10.70 ● \$1 Exacta (1-6) \$32.50

Winner picked by Vic C

SIXTH-1 1/16 miles(T); \$80,000; mdn; 3up(f)

9 Apurate (Saez) 7.70 4.20 3.30
2 Ceant (Castellano) 3.50 2.90
4 Look Me Over (Davis) 6.20
Scr: Simply Sweet.
● \$1 Pick 3 (8-1-9) 3 Correct \$54.75 ● \$1 Daily Double (1-9) \$10.50 ● \$1 Exacta (9-2) \$19.40

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2 Mopolka(L), 120	E Cancel	5-1-8	C Martin	10-1
3 Cold Hearted Cat(L), 124	K Carmouche	3-6-1	Boniface	20-1
4 Minit Maus(L), 115	L Cardenas	8-4-10	Sciacca	20-1
5 More Mango(L), 120	I Ortiz, Jr	5-1-3	Maker	5-1
1 a-Micromillion(L), 120	J Ortiz	1-7-4	Pletcher	8-5
6 Wild North(L), 120	B Hernandez	9-9-7	Chichakly	30-1
7 Beyond Brown(L), 120	J Lezcano	1-2-5	Donk	20-1
8 Come Storming(L), 124	L Saez	6-3-3	Bush	5-2
9 Stuy Town Baby(L), 120	D Davis	4-6-1	Handal	12-1
10 Sterling Beauty(L), 122	M Franco	3-8-9	Donk	8-1
1A a-Lido Key(L), 124	I Ortiz, Jr	2-2-5	Maker	8-5
11 First Dawn(L), 115	L Cardenas	8-2-5	Williams	7-2

9 1 mile; \$84,000; alw; 3up

Pletcher again. Moves **MONEY MOVES** back to optional claimers after he walked home 13th, well back of Authentic in the Kentucky Derby. Won 2 of previous 3 with Saez at the wheel. **AMERICANUS** ran 3rd to Dr Post in a 75k before going on the shelf in April. Won 2 back. J Ortiz rides for Shug. We'll wait. And **DARK STORM** returns after 10 months. Scored at this distance at Big A prior to break.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Three Technique(L), 118	J Velazquez	3-6-10	Englehart	4-1
2 Expert(L), 122	M Franco	3-4-3	Schettino	8-1
3 Americanus(L), 118	J Ortiz	3-1-2	McGaughey III	7-2
4 Dark Storm(L), 122	E Cancel	1-3-4	Weaver	8-1
5 Grumps Little Tots(L), 124	I Ortiz, Jr	5-3-3	Joseph	6-1
6 Money Moves(L), 120	L Saez	13-2-1	Pletcher	1-1

10 1 mile(T); \$80,000; mdn; 2YO

SCARLETT SKY Runnerup both starts, latest at a mile. **SECRET POTION** debuted a close 2nd, then overmatched in a grade 1 at Woodbine. **ENGRAVE** makes turf debut for Brown. Distant 3rd, this distance. **HACHURE** debuts for Mott. Irad rides the Tapit colt for Juddmonte.

PN Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1 Hachure, 119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Mott	6-1
2 Charleston Strong, 119	J Lezcano	5-x-x	Englehart	10-1
3 Private Code, 119	D Davis	x-x-x	Lerman	30-1
4 Engrave, 119	J Ortiz	3-2-x	C Brown	9-2
5 High Knuckles, 119	K Carmouche	5-8-x	Rodriguez	30-1
6 Scarlett Sky, 119	J Velazquez	2-2-x	McGaughey III	3-1
7 Girl Dad, 119	M Franco	8-6-x	Weaver	20-1
8 World Cruiser, 119	J Rosario	7-x-x	Clement	15-1
9 Iron Pearls, 119	E Cancel	7-x-x	O'Dwyer	30-1
10 Ghost Stalker, 119	L Saez	x-x-x	Weaver	15-1
11 Simovitch, 119	J Alvarado	4-x-x	Mott	15-1
12 Secret Potion, 119	J Castellano	6-2-x	C Brown	5-2

PLAY OF THE DAY

Pipes played terribly. Period. Lady Rosalie ran late but landed mid-pack. Loss of \$36.

Race 1: Millefeuille debuted three-fourths of a length short. Graduates, same distance. \$30 to win.

Race 5: Lokoya Road was parked wide last out. A better trip please. \$4 to win.

Race 6: Sidd Finch broke maiden by 16 lengths. Taking him right back, same distance. \$4 to win and a \$2 double with Lokoya Road.

— Vic Cangialosi

Golf

PGA Tour- ZOZO Championship
At Sherwood Country Club; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Purse: \$8 million; Yardage: 7,027; Par: 72

First Round

Sebastian Munoz	32-32	64	-8
Tyrrell Hatton	32-33	65	-7
Justin Thomas	36-29	65	-7
Brian Harman	31-35	66	-6
Lanto Griffin	31-35	66	-6
Kevin Kisner	33-33	66	-6
Harris English	33-33	66	-6
Dylan Frittelli	32-34	66	-6
Mackenzie Hughes	34-33	67	-5
Patrick Cantlay	33-34	67	-5
Cameron Smith	34-33	67	-5
Justin Rose	35-32	67	-5
Alex Noren	34-33	67	-5
Scottie Scheffler	31-36	67	-5
Abraham Ancer	33-34	67	-5
Mark Hubbard	34-33	67	-5
Sungjae Im	36-32	68	-4
Tyler Duncan	36-32	68	-4
Jon Rahm	34-34	68	-4
Russell Henley	33-35	68	-4
Rikuya Hoshino	34-34	68	-4
Satoshi Kodaira	32-36	68	-4
Jason Day	34-34	68	-4
Shaun Norris	32-36	68	-4
Joel Dahmen	33-35	68	-4
Chan Kim	34-35	69	-3
Jason Kokrak	36-33	69	-3
Daniel Berger	33-36	69	-3
Corey Connors	35-34	69	-3
Tony Finau	34-35	69	-3
Brendon Todd	35-34	69	-3
Paul Casey	37-32	69	-3
Andrew Landry	34-35	69	-3
Matthew Wolff	32-37	69	-3
Xander Schauffele	36-33	69	-3
Ryan Palmer	36-33	69	-3
Matthew Fitzpatrick	30-39	69	-3
Webb Simpson	33-36	69	-3
Takumi Kanaya	36-34	70	-2
Matt Kuchar	35-35	70	-2
Joaquin Niemann	36-34	70	-2
Jordan Spieth	35-35	70	-2
Hideki Matsuyama	36-34	70	-2
Cameron Champ	37-33	70	-2
Bubba Watson	36-34	70	-2
Nick Taylor	34-36	70	-2
Kevin Na	34-36	70	-2
Patrick Reed	35-35	70	-2
Jim Herman	37-33	70	-2
Tommy Fleetwood	35-35	70	-2
Naoki Sekito	34-37	71	-1
Marc Leishman	34-37	71	-1
Rickie Fowler	36-35	71	-1
Tom Hoge	34-37	71	-1
Viktor Hovland	36-35	71	-1
Collin Morikawa	33-38	71	-1
Carlos Ortiz	35-37	72	E
Richy Werenski	36-36	72	E
Billy Horschel	37-35	72	E
Brendan Steele	36-36	72	E
Danny Lee	39-33	72	E
Brad Kennedy	36-36	72	E
Phil Mickelson	39-33	72	E

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SOLUTION IN SATURDAY'S POST

World Series

(Best-of-7) x- if necessary;
At Arlington, Texas; All Games on
FOX and ESPN Radio (98.7 FM)
Tampa Bay Rays vs. LA Dodgers
Series tied, 1-1.

Game 1: Dodgers 8, Rays 3
Game 2: Rays 6., Dodgers 4
Fri.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
Sat.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
Sun.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
x-Tue.: Rays vs. Dodgers, 8:08pm
x-Wed.: Oct. 28 Rays vs. Dodgers 8:09pm

Baseball Today

1945: Branch Rickey announced the signing of Jackie Robinson by the Brooklyn Dodgers organization.
1993: Joe Carter became the second player in baseball history to end a World Series with a home run,

Tennis

ATP World Tour European Open
At Lotto Arena; Antwerp, Belgium;
Purse: \$394,800; Surface: Hardcourt indoor; (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Round of 16
Milos Raonic (5), Canada, def. Cameron Norrie, Britain, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Lloyd Harris, South Africa, def. Taylor Fritz (7), United States, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Karen Khachanov (3), Russia, def. Zizou Bergs, Belgium, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
Marcos Giron, United States, vs. David Goffin (1), Belgium, 6-3, 7-5.

hitting a three-run shot off Mitch Williams in the ninth inning that gave the Toronto Blue Jays their second straight championship with an 8-6 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.666	156 168
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160 113
New England	2	3	0	.400	109 110
Jets	0	6	0	.000	75 185
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	164 126
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157 115
Houston	1	5	0	.166	146 182
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.166	125 181
North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1.000	156 94
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179 104
Cleveland	4	2	0	.666	163 187
Cincinnati	1	4	1	.250	129 157

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	175 127
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	151 152
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100 110
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	110 125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE					
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Philadelphia	2	4	1	.357	163 196
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	173 218
Washington	1	5	0	.166	108 162
Giants	1	6	0	.142	122 174
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.666	177 122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	153 150
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	138 141
Atlanta	1	5	0	.166	162 184

North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	128 116
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	162 139
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	133 143
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155 192
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF PA
Seattle	5	0	0	1.000	169 135
Arizona	4	2	0	.666	166 112
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.666	152 114
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	148 130

Thursday- Week 7
Philadelphia 22, **Giants** 21

Sunday
Buffalo at **Jets**, 1pm
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1pm
Green Bay at Houston, 1pm
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1pm
Carolina at New Orleans, 1pm
Detroit at Atlanta, 1pm
Dallas at Washington, 1pm
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 4:05pm
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25pm
San Francisco at New England, 4:25pm
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:25pm
Seattle at Arizona, 8:20pm

Bye: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami, Minnesota

Monday
Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15pm
Thursday- Week 8
Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20pm
Sunday, Nov. 1
Jets at Kansas City, 1pm
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1pm
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1pm
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1pm
New England at Buffalo, 1pm
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1pm
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1pm
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1pm
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05pm
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25pm
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25pm
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20pm

Bye: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington

Monday, Nov. 2
Tampa Bay at **Giants**, 8:15pm

NFL Injury Report

SUNDAY
Bills at Jets
Bills: **DNP:** WR John Brown (knee), LB Tyrel Dodson (hamstring), T Cody Ford (knee), TE Dawson Knox (calf), TE Tyler Kroft (not injury related). **Limited:** QB Jake Fromm (not injury related), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral), CB Josh Norman (hamstring), CB Tre'Davious White (back). **Full:** QB Josh Allen (left shoulder). **Jets:** **DNP:** LB Tarell Basham (illness), WR Jamison Crowder (groin), K Sam Ficken (right groin), RB Frank Gore (not injury related), G Alex Lewis (shoulder). **Limited:** T Mekhi Becton (shoulder), QB Sam Darnold (right shoulder), T Chuma Edoga (calf), T George Fant (knee). **Full:** WR Braxton Berrios (quadricep), LB Jordan Jenkins (shoulder), WR Breshad Perriman (ankle, knee).

Panthers at Saints
Panthers: **DNP:** CB Rasul Douglas (not injury related), G John Miller (ankle). **Limited:** CB Donte Jackson (toe), DT Zach Kerr (toe), WR Curtis Samuel (knee). **Full:** CB Eli Apple (hamstring), RB Trenton Cannon (neck), RB Mike Davis (ankle). **Saints:** **DNP:** G Nick Easton (concussion), WR Bennie Fowler (shoulder), WR Michael Thomas (ankle, hamstring). **Limited:** T Terron Armstead (hand), S J.T. Gray (hamstring), CB Justin Hardee (hamstring). **Full:** WR Deonte Harris (hamstring), CB Janoris Jenkins (shoulder).

Browns at Bengals
Browns: **DNP:** LB Jacob Phillips (knee), DT Sheldon Richardson (achilles), G Wyatt Teller (calf). **Limited:** P Jamie Gillan (left groin), RB Kareem Hunt (ribs), S Karl Joseph (hamstring), WR Jarvis Landry (hip, ribs), S Andrew Sendejo (shin), C.J.C. Tretter (knee). **Full:** LB Tae Davis (elbow), S Ronnie Harrison (concussion), QB Baker Mayfield (chest), TE David Njoku (shoulder), LB Sione Takitaki (hand). **Bengals:** **DNP:** DT Geno Atkins (not injury related), DE Carlos Dunlap (not injury related), CB William Jackson (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot), CB Darius Phillips (illness). **Limited:** LB Markus Bailey (neck), WR A.J. Green (not injury related), WR Auden Tate (shoulder), S Shawn Williams (hamstring).

Cowboys at Washington
Cowboys: **DNP:** T Brandon Knight (knee), G Zack Martin (concussion). **Limited:** DE Aldon Smith (neck). WASHINGTON: **DNP:** T Saahdiq Charles (knee), T Geron Christian (knee), WR Antonio Gandy-Golden (hamstring), DE James Smith-Williams (concussion), WR Isaiah Wright (shoulder). **Full:** CB Ronald Darby (illness), LB Kevin Pierre-Louis (shoulder), TE Logan Thomas (neck), DE Chase Young (groin).

Lions at Falcons
Lions: **DNP:** CB Desmond Trufant (hamstring). **Limited:** WR Danny Amendola (foot), DE Trey Flowers (wrist), WR Marvin Jones (knee), C Frank Ragnow (groin). **Full:** G Joe Dahl (groin). **Falcons:** **DNP:** DE Dante Fowler (ankle), C Alex Mack (not injury related), DE Takkarist McKinley (groin), DT Deadrin Senat (not injury related). **Limited:** S Jaylinn Hawkins (concussion), WR Julio Jones (hamstring), WR Calvin Ridley (elbow), CB Kendall Sheffield (foot). **Full:** WR Russell Gage (shoulder), WR Brandon Powell (elbow).

Packers at Texans
Packers: **DNP:** T David Bakhtiari (chest), RB Tyler Ervin (wrist), DT Tyler Lancaster (shoulder), TE Marcedes Lewis (knee), S Darnell Savage (quadricep), TE Robert Tonyan (ankle). **Limited:** LB Krys Barnes (shoulder, calf), LB Rashan Gary (ankle), CB Kevin King (quadricep), C Corey Linsley (back), LB Preston Smith (shoulder), LB Za'Darius Smith (ankle), WR Equanimeous St. Brown (knee). **Full:** CB Jaire Alexander (hand, knee). **Texans:** **DNP:** TE Jordan Akins (ankle/concussion), CB Keion Crossen (foot), DE J.J. Watt (non-injury related). **Limited:** ILB Dylan Cole (knee), RB Buddy Howell (hamstring), ILB Peter Kalambayi (hamstring), G Senio Kelemete (knee), S Justin Reid (shoulder), T Laremy Tunsil (shoulder).

Jaguars at Chargers
Jaguars: **DNP:** G A.J. Cann (shoulder), TE Tyler Eifert (neck), DE Adam Gotsis (not injury related), LB Myles Jack (ankle), TE James O'Shaughnessy (not injury related), S Jarrod Wilson (hamstring). **Limited:** LB Dakota Allen (foot), DE Josh Allen (knee), T Ben

Bartch (foot, knee), WR D.J. Chark (ankle), DT Abry Jones (ankle), K Josh Lambo (left hip), G Andrew Norwell (ankle), WR Laviska Shenault (hamstring). **Full:** G Brandon Linder (not injury related). **Chargers:** **DNP:** T Storm Norton (knee), G Trai Turner (groin), WR KJ Hill Jr. (hip). **Limited:** WR Keenan Allen (back), T Bryan Bulaga (back), RB Justin Jackson (knee), DT Linval Joseph (elbow). **Full:** QB Tyrod Taylor (ribs), T Sam Tevi (thumb.)

Chiefs at Broncos
Chiefs: **DNP:** DE Taco Charlton (knee), DE Alex Okafor (hamstring), T Mitchell Schwartz (back), WR Sammy Watkins (hamstring). **Full:** TE Nick Keizer (shoulder), T Eric Fisher (shoulder), DT Chris Jones (groin), DT Derrick Nnadi (ankle), C Austin Reiter (knee), CB Charvarius Ward (hand), RB Darrel Williams (shoulder). **Broncos:** **DNP:** OLB Jeremiah Attaochu (quadricep), FB/TE Andrew Back (hamstring), G Dalton Risner (shoulder), WR Diontae Spencer (shoulder). **Limited:** WR KJ Hamler (hamstring), TE Jake Butt (hamstring). **Full:** T Demar Dotson (tackle), OLB Bradley Chubb (ankle), TE Noah Fant (ankle), NT Mike Purcell (knee).

Steelers at Titans
Steelers: **DNP:** LB Devin Bush (knee), CB Mike Hilton (shoulder), FB Derek Watt (hamstring). **Limited:** QB Ben Roethlisberger (not injury related). **Full:** G David DeCastro (abdomen), WR Diontae Johnson (back), C Maurkice Pouncey (foot), WR JuJu Smith-Schuster (knee), DE Stephon Tuitt (not injury related). **Titans:** **DNP:** WR A.J. Brown (knee), T Isaiah Wilson (illness). **Full:** LB Jadeveon Clowney (knee), DT DaQuan Jones (foot), T Dennis Kelly (knee), TE MyCole Pruitt (illness), TE Jonnu Smith (ankle).

Buccaneers at Raiders
Buccaneers: **DNP:** S Andrew Adams (hamstring). **Limited:** LB Lavonte David (knee), CB Carlton Davis (knee), WR Mike Evans (ankle), WR Chris Godwin (hamstring), TE Rob Gronkowski (shoulder), WR Scott Miller (hip, groin), DE Jason Pierre-Paul (knee), S Antoine Winfield (shoulder). **Full:** QB Tom Brady (not injury related), RB Leonard Fournette (ankle), DE William Gholston (biceps). **Raiders:** **DNP:** S Johnathan Abram (not injury related), WR Bryan Edwards (foot, ankle), G Denzelle Good (not injury related), C Rodney Hudson (not injury related), G Gabe Jackson (not injury related), T Kolton Miller (not injury related), CB Keisean Nixon (groin). **Limited:** DT Maliek Collins (shoulder), CB Lamarcus Joyner (hamstring), DE Carl Nassib (toe). **Full:** WR Rico Gafford (hamstring), LB Nick Kwiatkoski (pectoral), T Sam Young (knee).

49ers at Patriots
49ers: **DNP:** LB Kwon Alexander (ankle), RB Raheem Mostert (ankle), S Jaquiski Tartt (groin). **Limited:** T Trent Williams (ankle), RB Jeff Wilson Jr. (calf). **Full:** CB Dontae Johnson (groin). **Patriots:** **DNP:** RB James White (not injury related). **Limited:** DL Adam Butler (shouler), DB Kyle Dugger (ankle), WR Julian Edelman (knee), OL Shaq Mason (calf), DE Derek Rivers (back).

Seahawks at Cardinals
Seahawks: **DNP:** SS Jamal Adams (groin), T Duane Brown (knee), G Mike Iupati (back), FB Nick Bellore (not injury related). **Limited:** CB Quinton Dunbar (knee), LB Jordyn Brooks (knee), RB Carlos Hyde (shoulder), DE Benson Mayowa (knee), T Jamarco Jones (cramps). **Full:** G Damien Lewis (ankle), T Brandon Shell (illness), TE Will Dissly (achilles), WR DK Metcalf (load management), CB Shaquell Griffin (shoulder). **Cardinals:** **DNP:**OL Kelvin Beachum (ankle), WR DeAndre Hopkins (ankle), DE Jordan Phillips (foot), CB Dre Kirkpatrick (foot). **Limited:** OLB Kylie Fitts (hamstring), LB Dennis Gardeck (foot). **Full:** S Budda Baker (thumb), ILB Jordan Hocks (wrist).

MONDAY
Bears at Rams
Bears: **DNP:** WR Ted Ginn (not injury related), TE Jimmy Graham (not injury related), DT Akiem Hicks (illness), S Sherrick McManis (hamstring), CB Buster Skrine (ankle), LB Danny Trevathan (not injury related). **Limited:** S Deon Bush (hamstring), T Rashaad Coward (finger). **Full:** G Alex Bars (shoulder), S Eddie Jackson (shoulder), DT Brent Urban (knee). **Rams:** **DNP:** OL Andrew Whitworth (not injury related), DL Aaron Donald (not injury related), TE Tyler Higbee (hand), RB Darrell Henderson Jr. (thigh).

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	12	2	5	41	30	17
Philadelphia	11	3	5	38	34	17
Columbus	10	4	4	34	30	15
Orlando City	8	2	8	32	30	18
New England	7	5	7	28	21	18
NYCFC	8	8	3	27	24	19
Red Bulls	7	8	4	25	22	23
Nashville SC	6	6	6	24	18	17
Montreal	7	10	2	23	29	36
Chicago	5	8	5	20	24	28
Atlanta	5	10	4	19	18	22
Inter Miami CF	5	11	3	18	19	29
Cincinnati	4	11	4	16	11	30
D.C. United	3	10	6	15	17	33

WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle FC	9	4	5	32	36	18
Portland	9	5	5	32	39	31
Sporting K.C.	9	6	3	30	31	25
Los Angeles FC	7	7	4	25	40	34
Minn. United	6	5	6	24	28	23
FC Dallas	6	5	6	24	22	20
San Jose	6	7	6	24	28	43
Vancouver	7	12	0	21	22	40
Real Salt Lake	5	7	6	21	24	29
Houston	4	7	8	20	27	32
Colorado	5	4	4	19	25	20
LA Galaxy	5	9	3	18	22	34

Notes: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie
Thursday
Portland 1, Seattle FC 1
Friday
New England at Nashville, 8:30pm
Saturday
Red Bulls at Chicago, 7:30pm
Montreal at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm
Orlando City at Miami, 3:30pm
D.C. United at Atlanta, 4pm
Minnesota at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Columbus at Houston, 8pm
Colorado at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm
FC Dallas at Salt Lake, 9:30pm
San Jose at Vancouver, 10pm

Sunday
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 3:30pm
Tuesday
Nashville at Montreal, 7pm
Seattle FC at Vancouver, 10pm
Wednesday
New England at **Red Bulls**, 7pm
NYCFC at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
Sporting K.C. at Cincinnati, 7:30pm
Atlanta at Orlando City, 7:30pm
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30pm
Columbus at D.C. United, 8pm
Colorado at Minnesota, 8pm
Miami at FC Dallas, 8:30pm
LA Galaxy at Portland, 10pm
Houston at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm
Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30pm

Saturday, October 31
Houston at FC Dallas, 3:30pm
Chicago at Nashville, 8:30pm
Sunday, November 1
Red Bulls at **NYCFC**, 7pm
Philadelphia at Columbus, 3:30pm
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 7pm
Orlando City at Montreal, 7:30pm
D.C. United at New England, 7:30pm
Minnesota at Sporting K.C., 7:30pm
Miami at Toronto FC, 7:30pm
Seattle FC at Colorado, 9pm
Vancouver at Portland, 10pm
Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 10:30pm
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10:30pm

Soccer

UEFA Europa League
Bayer Leverkusen 6, Nice 2
AZ Alkmaar 1, Napoli 0
Granada 2, PSV Eindhoven 1
Arsenal 2, Rapid Vienna 1
Real Sociedad 1, Rijeka 0
Rangers 2, Standard Liege 0
AS Roma 2, Young Boys 1
AC Milan 3, Celtic 1
Leicester City 3, FC Zorya Luhansk 0
Lille 4, Sparta Prague 1
Tottenham 3, LASK Linz 0
TSG Hoffenheim 2, Red Star Belgrade 0
Villarreal 5, Sivasspor 3

Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY							
	TODAY Oct. 23	SAT Oct. 24	SUN Oct. 25	MON Oct. 26	TUE Oct. 27	WED Oct. 28	THU Oct. 29
	NO GAME	Chic. 7:30 MSG	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	N.E. 7:00 MSG	NO GAME
	NO GAME	Mont. 7:30 YES	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Tor. 7:30 YES	NO GAME
Monday, Nov. 2				Sunday			
	Tampa Bay 8:15 TV - PIX11, ESPN Radio- WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM			Buffalo 1:00 TV - CBS Radio- ESPN 98.7 FM			

Today's Sports on the Air			
MLB	8 p.m.	World Series: Dodgers vs. Rays, Game 3	FOX ESPN (98.7 FM)
College Football	7:30 p.m.	Tulsa at South Florida	ESPN
	8 p.m.	Illinois at Wisconsin	BTN
	8 p.m.	Louisiana-Lafayette at UAB	CBSSN
Golf	1 p.m.	LPGA Tour: LPGA Drive On Championship, 2nd Round	GOLF
	5 p.m.	PGA Tour: Zozo Championship, 2nd Round	GOLF
Tennis	8 a.m.	WTA Ostrava, ATP Antwerp, ATP Cologne Indoors Quarterfinals	TENNIS
Horse Racing	12:30 p.m.	Belmont Park Live	MSG, MSG+
Soccer	6 p.m.	NCAA Men: Wake Forest at Duke	ACCN
	7 p.m.	NCAA Women: Oklahoma State at Texas	ESPNU
	8 p.m.	NCAA Men: Clemson at N.C. State	ACCN
Auto Racing	9:55 a.m.	Formula One: Portuguese Grand Prix, 2nd Practice	ESPN2
Figure Skating	8 p.m.	ISU: Grand Prix Skate America	NBCSN
Baseball	3:55 a.m. (Sat.)	KBO: LG Twins vs. NC Dinos	ESPN2
High School Football	9 p.m.	Hamilton (Ariz.) at Saguaro (Ariz.)	ESPN2
Australian Rules Football	4:30 a.m. (Sat.)	AFL Grand Final: Richmond vs. Geelong	FS1

SPORTS SHORTS

GOLF: Munoz leads, Woods struggles

Sebastian Munoz had two eagles in an eight-under-par 64 that gave him a one-shot lead at the Zozo Championship in Thousand Oaks, Calif. on Thursday.

Tiger Woods' bid for a record 83rd PGA Tour win got off to a stuttering start with a four-over 76, tied for second to last.

NFL: Ex-49er sentenced to prison

Former 49er **Dana Stubblefield**, 49, was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison Thursday for raping a developmentally disabled woman who prosecutors said he lured to his home with the promise of a babysitting job.

● The Raiders placed their entire starting offensive line, right tackle **Trent Brown**, left tackle **Kolton Miller**, left guard **Denzelle Good**, center **Rodney Hudson** and right guard **Gabe Jackson** on the team's Reserve/COVID-19 list.

In addition, safety **Johnathan Abram** also was placed on the list for high-risk contact.

That prompted the NFL to shift the Buccaneers-Raiders game on Sunday to an afternoon contest. The unbeaten Seahawks visit to Arizona was shifted to a Sunday night kickoff.

● Defensive end **Yannick Ngakoue** was acquired by the Ravens from the Vikings for a 2021 third-round pick and a conditional 2022 fifth-round pick.

The Ravens also signed three-time Pro Bowl wide receiver **Dez Bryant** to the practice squad according to published reports.

NBA: NBA draft strictly online

The NBA draft will be an online-only affair on Nov. 18, the league and ESPN announced Thursday. Commissioner **Adam Silver** and deputy commissioner **Mark Tatum** will unveil the first- and second-round picks at ESPN's studios in Bristol, Conn.

● **Spencer Dinwiddie** has left Roc Nation agency, and according to The Athletic is seriously considering representing himself.

The Nets point guard is going into the middle season of a three-year, \$34 million contract. He has a player option for \$12.3 million in 2021-22 that would let him go back onto the market at 28. — *Brian Lewis*

NHL: Winter Classic, All-Star Game PPD

The NHL on Thursday announced the postponement of the 2021 All-Star Game and the 2021 Winter Classic for COVID-19 reasons.

MLB

Odds to win 2020 World Series:

Rays vs. Dodgers

TEAM	ODDS
Rays	+165
Dodgers	-200
EXACT RESULT	ODDS
Rays in 5	12/1
Rays in 6	6/1
Rays in 7	9/2
Dodgers in 5	4/1
Dodgers in 6	+275
Dodgers in 7	+330
SERIES LENGTH	ODDS
5 games	5/2
6 games	3/2
7 games	3/2
TOTAL GAMES	ODDS
Over 6.5	3/2
Under 6.5	-182

WORLD SERIES MVP+ODDS

Mookie Betts	3/1
Brandon Lowe	5/1
Clayton Kershaw	5/1
Walker Buehler	9/1
Corey Seager	12/1
Cody Bellinger	12/1
Blake Snell	15/1
Manuel Margot	15/1
Randy Arozarena	18/1
Max Muncy	18/1
Chris Taylor	20/1
Will Smith	22/1
Charlie Morton	22/1

Game 3, Friday

RUN LINE	ODDS
Dodgers -1.5 runs	+105
Rays +1.5 runs	-125
TOTAL	ODDS
Over 7.5 runs	-110
Under 7.5 runs	-110



Bills to give survivor contestants an E-ZPass

GREAT TO SEE YA, ADAM: Bills coach Sean McDermott fist bumps with Adam Gase after Buffalo's Week 1 win over the Jets. The teams meet again Sunday, and VSIN's William Hill tabs the Bills as the play of the week in survivor pools. AP

By WILLIAM HILL

Last week, the Colts erased a 21-point deficit and held off the Bengals to avoid a major upset that likely would have shrunk your survivor pool by a considerable margin. The Colts won 31-27, and chalk prevailed.

However, those who looked to Foxborough were not as fortunate. The Patriots have missed large chunks of practice time the last few weeks due to COVID-19, and it certainly showed Sunday as they looked rusty in their 18-12 upset loss to Denver. The Broncos spoiled 73 of the 400 remaining Circa survivor entries who pegged the Patriots as their pick, while 71 contestants escaped danger when the Colts won. And 250 participants had a relaxed Sunday afternoon cheering their choice of the Dolphins, as the most popular pick of the week blanked the Jets 24-0 in a game that wasn't even as close as the score indicated. What will Week 7 bring?

GAMES TO CONSIDER

Chargers over Jaguars: To borrow a line from the late Dennis Green in the most memorable postgame news conference of all time, "They are who we thought they were." The Jaguars are who we thought they were heading into the season, which is a terrible football team. They beat the Colts in the opener and played the Titans close the next week. But since then they have looked like the Trevor Lawrence suitors we all expected them to be. They not only have been bludgeoned but had a streak of three weeks in a row in which their

opponents gained their first wins of the season.

The Chargers (-7.5) have played well but don't have much to show for it. They've squandered some big leads and already lost several heartbreakers, a category in which they seem to perennially lead the league. This is a great option, though not the safest on the board.

Chiefs over Broncos: Always a worthy consideration are the defending champs and their video-game offense. However, the Denver altitude is one home-field advantage the pandemic hasn't compromised, and the Chiefs (-9.5) not only will be on the road but off a short week against a Broncos team that can defend at a high level. The Chiefs likely will win, but chances are you've used them already. If not, you're better off saving them for later in the season. Pass.

THE PICK

Bills over Jets: I have some profound insight regarding this game that led me to pick the Bills: They are playing the Jets. Enough said. The Jets not only will be underdogs in every game, chances are they won't be catching less than a touchdown from here on out. The Jets aren't just bad, they are totally uncompetitive, and they will get steamrolled by the Bills (-12). This should be a no-sweat Survivor Sunday once again picking against this putrid Jets squad.

William Hill (not to be confused with the sportsbook of the same name) is a contributor to VSIN's Point Spread Weekly.



The POST Line



NFL Week 7		
Sunday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Bills	12 (45.5)	JETS
Browns	3 (50.5)	BENGALS
WASHINGTON	1 (45.5)	Cowboys
FALCONS	2.5 (56)	Lions
SAINTS	7.5 (51.5)	Panthers
Packers	3.5 (56.5)	TEXANS
TITANS	1.5 (50.5)	Steelers
PATRIOTS	1.5 (43.5)	49ers
Chiefs	9.5 (45.5)	BRONCOS
CHARGERS	7.5 (49.5)	Jaguars
Buccaneers	3.5 (53.5)	RAIDERS
Seahawks	3 (55.5)	CARDINALS
Monday		
RAMS	6 (45)	Bears

World Series		
Friday- Game 3		
Favorite	Moneyline	Underdog
Dodgers	\$140-154	RAYS
Designated home team in MLB in CAPS		

College Football		
Friday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
FLA. INT.	9.5 (59.5)	Jacksonv. State
Tulsa	10.5 (50.5)	S. FLORIDA
UAB	2.5 (49.5)	UL Laf.
WISC.	19.5 (51.5)	Illinois
Saturday		
N. C.	14.5 (60.5)	N.C. State
COASTAL CAROLINA	6.5 (51.5)	Georgia Southern
MICHIGAN STATE	13.5 (44.5)	Rutgers
OHIO ST.	26.5 (67.5)	Nebraska
Oklahoma	6.5 (59.5)	TCU
Auburn	3.5 (70.5)	OLE MISS
MEMPHIS	13.5 (69.5)	Temple
KANSAS STATE	20 (48.5)	Kansas
CHARLOTTE	14.5 (49.5)	Uteq
ARMY	30.5 (50.5)	Mercer
LOUISVILLE	4 (60.5)	Florida State
CLEMSON	46 (62.5)	Syracuse
LIBERTY	13 (60)	Southern Mississippi
CENTRAL FLORIDA	19.5 (71)	Tulane
MARSHALL	17 (51.5)	Florida Atlantic
Notre Dame	10 (42.5)	PITT.
Virginia Tech	8.5 (68.5)	WAKE FOREST
Houston	14.5 (55.5)	NAVY

Penn State	5.5 (60.5)	INDIANA
Iowa	3 (53.5)	PURDUE
TEXAS	8.5 (60.5)	Baylor
OKLAHOMA STATE	3.5 (51.5)	Iowa State
RICE	3.5 (50.5)	Mid. Tenn. State
Alabama	21.5 (65.5)	TENN.
BOSTON COLLEGE	3.5 (54.5)	Georgia Tech
TROY	2.5 (68.5)	Georgia State
Kentucky	4.5 (46.5)	MISSOURI
West Virginia	3.5 (54.5)	TEXAS TECH
LSU	5.5 (54.5)	South Carolina
SOUTH ALABAMA	14.5 (55.5)	UI Monroe
BOISE STATE	16.5 (52.5)	Utah State
Wyoming	4.5 (50.5)	NEVADA
N'WESTERN	11 (54.5)	Maryland
FRESNO STATE	3.5 (65.5)	Hawaii
Michigan	3 (54.5)	MINN.
MIAMI (FLA.)	12.5 (57.5)	Virginia
Louisana Tech	2.5 (54)	UTSA
SMU	2.5 (55.5)	Cincinnati
BYU	28.5 (60.5)	Texas St.
SAN DIEGO STATE	15 (48.5)	Unlv
Air Force	7 (62.5)	SAN JOSE STATE

ODDS & ENDS

NFL

(2020 regular season)

Most passing yards

PLAYER	ODDS
Matt Ryan	3/1
Russell Wilson	4/1
Patrick Mahomes	5/1
Deshaun Watson	5/1
Josh Allen	10/1
Teddy Bridgewater	12/1
Aaron Rodgers	16/1
Jared Goff	25/1
Philip Rivers	25/1
Joe Burrow	25/1
Gardner Minshew	25/1
Tom Brady	30/1
Drew Brees	35/1
Derek Carr	35/1
Matthew Stafford	40/1
Ben Roethlisberger	40/1
Carson Wentz	40/1
Kyler Murray	40/1
Kirk Cousins	80/1
Daniel Jones	100/1
Baker Mayfield	100/1

Most rushing yards

PLAYER	ODDS
Derrick Henry	-115
Dalvin Cook	6/1
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	11/1
Ezekiel Elliott	14/1
Aaron Jones	14/1
Ronald Jones II	14/1
Josh Jacobs	16/1
Joe Mixon	20/1
Miles Sanders	20/1
Kareem Hunt	20/1
Kenyan Drake	22/1
Todd Gurley	25/1
James Conner	35/1
Jonathan Taylor	35/1
David Johnson	50/1
Chris Carson	65/1
Alvin Kamara	100/1
Darrell Henderson	100/1
David Montgomery	200/1
Raheem Mostert	200/1

Most receiving yards

PLAYER	ODDS
DeAndre Hopkins	4/1
Robby Anderson	5/1
D.K. Metcalf	11/2
Calvin Ridley	7/1
Stefon Diggs	7/1
Justin Jefferson	11/1
Amari Cooper	14/1
CeeDee Lamb	16/1
Allen Robinson	20/1
Travis Kelce	25/1
Terry McLaurin	25/1
D.J. Moore	30/1
Tyler Lockett	35/1
Keenan Allen	35/1
Darius Slayton	40/1
Adam Thielen	40/1
Tyler Boyd	40/1
Robert Woods	40/1
Alvin Kamara	40/1

VSIN TOP PLAY

Morton-Buehler matchup best chance for an Under

By GREG PETERSON

The World Series is tied 1-1, and on Friday that deadlock will be broken by a pair of pitchers who have not gone very deep into starts, but have been solid at keeping the ball in the yard.

The Rays' Charlie Morton has pitched a combined 15²/₃ innings in his three starts this postseason with two total runs surrendered, one of which was earned, and has not given up a home run.

Walker Buehler gets the ball for the Dodgers having gone a combined 19 innings in four starts with four total runs and two home runs surrendered. He showed great command in his most recent start. After walking 11 in his previous three outings, Buehler went six strong innings against the Braves and gave up neither a walk nor an earned run in a crucial NLCS Game 6 win.

Buehler's swing-and-miss stuff is an important factor as he faces the only lineup that at the plate this season averaged more than

10 strikeouts per game, while he has struck out an average of 13.7 batters per nine innings this postseason.

Morton has been getting some swings and misses with an average of 9.8 strikeouts per nine innings, but his command has been the biggest tool in his arsenal as he has walked two-or-fewer batters in each of his 12 starts covering the regular season and playoffs.

Though the Dodgers have MLB's top offense when it comes to average runs and home runs per game, both they and the Rays rank in the top five in bullpen ERA. And with both starters coming in having done a great job this postseason of shutting down the opposition, it

should lead to the first time in this World Series in which the total stays

under.

THE PLAY: Dodgers-Rays Game 3 total, Under 7.5 runs.

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Charlie Morton

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Pitching Form

World Series Game 3		Game time	2020			'20 vs OPP			CAREER			LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP			vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA
Dodgers	Buehler (R)		1-0	3.44	7-1	—	—	—				1-0	15.0	1.20
Rays	Morton (R)	8:08pm	2-2	4.74	7-4	—	—	0-1				3-0	15.2	0.57

* REC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Running with Walker, Dodgers

Muting our critics and the field once again last week, our NFL record against the spread is now 55-33. You're welcome.

So the World Series is knotted at one. Both teams with a W and, hey, we got two. Game 3 becomes one to pivot on and the Dodgers are counting on Walker Buehler to help them rebound after the tag team of Tony Gonsolin and Dustin May let the Rays pull away in Game 2. Buehler is 1-0 with a 1.89 ERA this postseason. And he's fanned 29 in 19 innings. As good as Buehler has been, the Rays' Charlie Morton has been better. The 36-year-old Morton is 3-0 this postseason, his ERA a ridiculous 0.57. The crafty war horse has

registered 17 Ks over 15 frames. Morton is a playoff perfect 5-0 with Tampa and he closed out LA in the 2017 World Series wearing Houston Astros colors. Expecting both pitchers to show up and hand off a low-scoring contest to the pens. Taking the Dodgers for 40 units.

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THIS ONE'S FOR DAD

By LOU FINOCCHIARO

THE highly anticipated UFC 254 from Fight Island in the United Arab Emirates drops on Saturday. Preliminary bouts begin at 10:15 a.m. ET, with the main card set for 2 p.m. ET.

The UFC altered the start time to accommodate the sea of fight fans from the other side of the world who support Khabib Nurmagomedov passionately. The UFC believes this new time setup will account for more pay-per-view buys than if it would have tried to accommodate Western markets in prime time.

Here's a look at some betting angles on the main event.

Khabib Nurmagomedov -358 vs. Justin Gaethje +275, light-weight (155 pounds) championship

Nurmagomedov was born and bred to fight. The tools of his trade include world-class expertise in Russian sambo, judo, wrestling, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, boxing and pankration, an ancient form of grappling, wrestling and striking. He is undefeated in 28 professional fights and has dominated the top seven fighters in the division.

Nurmagomedov is unrelenting in employing forward pressure that causes opponents to wilt, some early and some late. But at the end of the event, Nurmagomedov's hand is the one that has been raised, and usually in submission fashion.

Gaethje represents the greatest challenge of "The Eagle's" career. Gaethje is from a small mining town in Arizona and wrestled Division I in college. His wrestling base is stellar, though it has been underutilized for years as Gaethje prefers to batter opponents with lethal kicks and damaging head strikes. Gaethje walks opponents down, backs them up, then barrages them with strikes that range from numb-



How UFC legend Khabib will win his 1st title bout since his father's death

BEAT WILL GO ON: VSIN's Lou Finocchiaro bet Khabib Nurmagomedov early on, before prices skyrocketed, but he suggests being patient for a better price, should late underdog money come in. The lightweight champion will have extra motivation to win as his father, Abdulmanap (inset), died earlier this year.

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ing calf and ankle kicks to destructive elbows and fists.

Gaethje averages a plentiful 7.74 strikes per minute landed. He also has a chin made of granite, which is important because that is his main form of defense. Gaethje has been able to overcome 8.4 significant strikes from opponents because he is tough as can be. But over time and in world-class competition, shoddy defense is never an asset.

Both combatants have the very best in training partners, camps and

supporters. Nurmagomedov trains with Daniel Cormier and Cain Velasquez, though for this camp he remained mostly overseas. Gaethje trains with Trevor Wittman at Team Elevation in Colorado, one of the top MMA camps in the country. Gaethje also has benefited from training with welterweight champion Kamaru Usman for this fight, as Usman recently joined this dynamic team.

This fight comes down to Nurmagomedov's ability to repeatedly take

Gaethje to the floor for a ground-and-pound party. If he can get Gaethje down and keep him there, this fight will be over quickly, as Gaethje's lack of BJJ expertise will hinder his ability to remain in bottom position without getting battered.

Gaethje must absolutely scramble to get back to his feet once Nurmagomedov tackles him. If he can do that, the tax and strain of those takedowns is sure to cause Nurmagomedov some loss of energy.

Gaethje must keep this bout standing.

This is the game that will go on repeatedly until someone wilts.

Gaethje has admitted many times he does not like to wrestle because of the immense energy drain. He has not needed it much thus far, but make no mistake: Wittman and those in camp are doing their best to prepare Gaethje for this bear.

Nurmagomedov opened -225, and currently BetMGM has Nurmagomedov -358 vs. Gaethje +275.

One last point, which is a major point: Nurmagomedov's father, Abdulmanap, died this year, and to me this is the key to the bout. Many wonder if his death will adversely affect the Russian. Know this and believe it in your soul: Nurmagomedov's performance has nothing to do with him, his pride, his career or money. This fight is for his father.

Few handicappers had Gaethje besting Tony Ferguson some months back. After that almost perfect performance by Gaethje, the flow of recency will have bettors jumping him at such a great price. But I find it difficult to believe he'll be able to match that last effort against this unique opponent.

I was able to take Nurmagomedov at the opening bell, knowing this price would skyrocket like it has. My advice now is to be patient if you like Nurmagomedov because it's plausible that underdog money will come in late.

At his current price, Nurmagomedov may be used for parlay sides, as those who read me know I rarely take large favorites straight up unless the value is obtuse. In this case it is not.

Best Bet: Nurmagomedov ITD (inside the distance), -110 (Circa).

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By GEORGE A. KING III

After the Yankees' season ended with their loss to the Rays in the ALDS, general manager Brian Cashman was blunt when asked if Gleyber Torres would remain at shortstop.

"We're gonna evaluate all circumstances that best fit us," Cashman said. "He's currently our shortstop. We think he's capable of better defense."

Should the Yankees decide they are better served with Torres returning to second base, regardless of whether or not they re-sign DJ LeMahieu, they are going to need a shortstop.

The first name that surfaces is former Yankee Didi Gregorius. He had a bounce-back season in Philadelphia after the Yankees didn't show much interest in retaining him following the 2019 season.

Should the Yankees be thinking about Gregorius 2.0, however, they already have competition.

The Angels have an interest in the left-handed hitting Gregorius, who will turn 31 in February. That is likely advance work because their shortstop, Andrelton Simmons, will become a free agent after the World Series.

Gregorius had a truncated 2019 season, in which he didn't start playing until June 7 due to Tommy John surgery and ended up hitting .238 with 16 homers and 61 RBIs in 82 games. After that tepid interest from the Yankees, he signed a one-year deal for \$14 million with the Phillies and responded by hitting .284 with 10 homers, 40 RBIs and posting a .827 OPS. That could put him on track for a two- or three-year deal this time.

As the Yankees hold vir-

FIELD WORK: With Gleyber Torres (right) once again showing his shortcomings at shortstop, the Yankees might be open to bringing back Didi Gregorius (left), though the Angels also are expected to be interested in the free agent.

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

If Yanks want Didi back, they might have to outbid Angels

SHORT SUPPLY

tual staff meetings this week, a decision on catcher Gary Sanchez, who lost the starting job to Kyle Higashino in the postseason, tops their list of issues. But what to do with Torres, who will turn 24 in December, isn't far behind.

Had Torres not hit .243 with three homers, 16 RBIs and a .724 OPS in 42 games this past season, perhaps the Yankees might overlook the shaky footwork that contributed to his nine errors in 40 games at short. In 138 big league games at that position, Torres has made 25 errors, and he lacks range.

"For Gleyber, it's about becoming excellent at the

routine," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said last week. "That's what separates really good shortstops from average to below-average. For Gleyber, it's about making the routine play, day in and day out. That's what's gonna allow him to become a really good shortstop."

When Torres played 77 games at short in 2019 while Gregorius was working back from surgery, the Yankees rarely mentioned his defense (11 errors) as an issue because he finished the season hitting .278 with 38 homers and 90 RBIs.

"He brings a lot to the table. He catches the ball, has very good hands and a good arm," said a NL talent evalu-

ator. "And the power is there."

If the Yankees commit to moving Torres back to second and aren't interested in reuniting with Gregorius, most of the other options are going to cost money or talent.

Joining Simmons, 31, and Gregorius atop the free-agent shortstop pool is 30-year-old Marcus Semien. The Athletics shortstop finished third in the 2019 AL MVP race — when he played in all 162 games, hit .285 with 33 homers, 92 RBIs and a posted an .892 OPS. In the recently completed 60-game season, Semien dropped to .223 with seven homers, 23 RBIs and a .679

OPS. Evaluators have warned, however, that judging talent based on this past season is very difficult due to the schedule, which was shortened by COVID-19.

In what has become a passage of winter, Francisco Lindor's name will surface as a possible trade candidate. He will be a free agent after the 2021 season. Despite a subpar 2020 for the Indians, when he batted .258, Lindor, who will turn 27 next month, is expected to sign a monster contract following next season. That might not fit into the Yankees' 2022 budget. Not to mention what they would have to give the Indians in a trade.

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Clint, Gio on list for Gold Gloves

By GEORGE A. KING III

Anybody paying attention understood that Clint Frazier's defense took a step forward in 2020. But by defensive metrics, Frazier improved vastly — so much so that he is among three candidates for an AL Rawlings Gold Glove in right field.

Managers and coaches didn't see players outside of their regions in the 60-game season this year, so the Gold Glove will be decided by defensive metrics.

Frazier played in 28 games in right (27 starts) and committed one error in 51 chances. Where Frazier showed marked improvement was in the way he approached fly balls and ground balls. In 2019, he was often unsure on his feet going back on fly balls and coming up to throw on ground balls. Those traits weren't evident this past season, but Aaron Judge and Mike Tauchman still are better right fielders than Frazier.

The Rangers' Joey Gallo and the Orioles' Anthony Santander round out the right-field list.

Slick-fielding third baseman Gio Urshela is the Yankees' only other Gold Glove candidate, joined by the Rangers' Isiah Kiner-Falefa and the White Sox's Yoan Moncada.

DJ LeMahieu, who won three Gold Gloves at second base with the Rockies, isn't among the four second basemen up for this year's award. Cesar Hernandez (Indians), Danny Mendick (White Sox), Jonathan Schoop (Tigers) and Nicky Lopez (Royals) are on the list.

KD not doomed to regression upon return to Nets

By BRIAN LEWIS

Kevin Durant's Achilles tendon promises to be the most-watched body part in sports, with Nets fans fretting he'll be a diminished player when he returns.

Nobody knows for sure what the Nets star will look like. But between Durant's positive headspace, specialists who spoke with The Post and WNBA star Breanna Stewart's dominant return from her own similar injury, the signs bode well. All point to Brooklyn getting the same superstar version of Durant it signed up for.

"He's not an old guy, 36, 37 towards the end of his career," said Dr. Laith Jazrawi, chief of the division of

sports medicine at NYU Langone Sports Health. "I don't think it's like that in him. He'll do just fine. I don't see any issue to say he won't be as good of a player as he was a year-and-a-half ago."

Durant was just 30 when he ruptured his right Achilles in June 2019, and turned 32 on Sept. 29. He's younger than Patrick Ewing (36), Isiah Thomas (35) and Kobe Bryant (34) were when similar injuries stunted their careers, something Jazrawi told The Post should help in a full recovery.

"That's better for him, so I don't see anything holding him back," Jazrawi said. "The only thing is he hasn't played for a year-and-a-half,

so it'll take time to get back into the rhythm. Some people are going to say, 'Oh, it's because he had his Achilles [injury.]' That's not true. It's that when anyone doesn't play for a year-and-a-half, it's just going to take time to get back into the flow. But he should do fine."

A study in the American Journal of Sports Medicine tracked 44 NBA players with Achilles ruptures from 1970-2018, and discovered their player efficiency rating dipped by an average of 2.9. Durant's 25.2 career PER is eighth-best all-time, and a 22.3 would still have placed him 33rd (essentially Kyrie Irving). In short, from all-time great to an All-Star.

Yet, there is reason to believe he

can be better than that. The 7-foot sniper will always have his shooting and size, and his recent workouts at the Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks, Calif., show he has packed on muscle. Even if he loses a step, he can remake his game in the style of a better-passing Dirk Nowitzki, dissecting defenses out of the high post and playing a deadly two-man game with Irving.

Even more encouraging was watching how Stewart, who ruptured her Achilles just two months before Durant, came back to win MVP of this month's WNBA Finals. The Seattle Storm star's present augurs well for Durant's future.

One thing that has evolved is how

Durant takes care of his body. From wearing a heel raise to avoid stretching out the tendon to scaling back workouts when needed, this rehab has forced Durant to develop not just patience, but prudence.

"When I'm a little sore after working out, before I'd just get back up and say I'm going to run it off or play it off. But now I'm a little more cautious," Durant said. "I was just getting out of bed, getting a little stretch in and get right to it. It's been like that for the last 20 years. Now it's 'start thinking about what I'm doing pre-workout, post-workout.' It's taking more of a professional approach when it comes to your body now."

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SORRY, but I can't allow someone as special as Doc Emrick to slip into retirement with just a few paragraphs in Monday's paper on the day the announcement was made.

Besides, we haven't heard from those who similarly cherished him: his listeners. And since Monday we've heard from scores. Here's a sample about a man whose embracing style and kindnesses were too frequent to be considered random:

In 1992, Jim Cerny, now a senior editor on NHL.com, hosted "Rink Rap," a time-buy, no-budget show on New Rochelle's WRTN-FM. His volunteer producer, Billy Parrinello, suggested that Emrick might make a good guest, though an unlikely one, as Emrick was already an established, highly regarded NHL voice.

But they took a shot, leaving Emrick a message about when he might call to set up the interview. Nothing to lose.

One afternoon, as per wishful but nearly forgotten instructions, the phone rang. It was Emrick asking when they'd like him for the interview.

"But it was more than that," Parrinello recalled. "This was before cell-phones and Doc was calling from a roadside pay phone — in a typhoon! He had to shout to be heard; you could hear the rain pelting him. He was being soaked. But he followed through — and we were a couple of no ones."

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EQUAL TIME

Class is in session

These stories reveal how much Doc Emrick taught us about kindness and dignity



SMOOTH OPERATOR: Despite his status as an esteemed NHL voice, Doc Emrick was not the type to big-time anybody — including local radio hosts and a self-described "lowly public relations assistant" for the Flyers. AP

Staten Island recalls those times when Emrick best described the play with silence:

"It was Game 7 of the 2011 conference final, Bruins vs. Lightning, scoreless, frantic. TD Garden in Boston was a

madhouse. And listening to the frenzy, Doc simply said, 'I have nothing intelligent to add.'"

From reader Louis Conte: "I was a lowly public relations assistant working for the Flyers in the early 1990s

while going to college at La Salle.

"Besides from being one of the best of all time to call a game, of all the people there — players, broadcasters, etc. — no one was classier. Doc always took the

time to stop by the old Spectrum PR office to say hello and talk hockey. And he remembered my name: 'Nice to see you, Lou.' Wow."

Reader Louie Rey recalls the Caps-Rangers game on

NBC from Madison Square Garden in 2014-15. Washington had a player named Jay Beagle, the Rangers had James Sheppard.

Rey: "At the time of this game MSG also was hosting the Westminster Dog show. During play, Doc casually noted the coincidence then just continued announcing the game. It was magnificent."

Reader Phil Rubin recalls another telecast during which Emrick wished Beagle a happy 28th birthday adding, "That's four in dog years."

Finally reader Stephen Orel recalls — as I do — a 2000 Leafs-Devils playoffs telecast. During a battle for the puck along the boards, Emrick said, "Jeff Farkas, Boston College, meets up with Jay Pandolfo, Boston University."

The puck was then played out to the Devil's Bobby Holik, the veteran Czech forward with a face contorted and flattened from years of having it flattened and contorted. Without missing a beat Emrick said, "Taken by Holik, from the school of Hard Knocks."

Perhaps that does just a bit more to explain what Emrick did and how he did it — for all of us.

You bet golf casts will never be same

SAY GOODBYE to golf telecasts as we knew them. The giant shadow of sports gambling — making losers of viewers, suckers out of fans — has arrived.

Last week's PGA event was played in Las Vegas and sponsored by MGM resorts and casinos. Thus Golf Channel's telecasts were infused with gambling come-ons, veteran GC operative **Rich Lerner** serving as the house shill.

At one point, with PGA star **Jon Rahm** on the tee, large graphics surrounded the scene to give the odds on Rahm — for that particular hole, i. e. the hurry-up-and-bet online odds for Rahm to make birdie, par, bogey or "other."

Yet again, the enticements are predicated on fans losing their money, desperate efforts to sustain or improve TV ratings and

for all contracted parties to rake their cut of their shamelessness.

► Perhaps **Dabo Swinney**, the devoutly religious coach of Clemson football, was worried that Clemson would lose its No. 1 ranking if his student-athletes beat Georgia Tech, this past Saturday, by, say, only 55-7.

So he allowed his QBs to throw 50 times for 500 yards in a 73-7 needless stomping and humiliation. And he has instructed his young men to do so every chance he gets. Saturday, Clemson's final TD came on a 35-yard pass play. And the compliant, pandering, sports media, naturally, were yahoos-good with it.

Reader **George Katsilometes**, however, allows Swinney the benefit of the doubt as he may have been avenging Georgia Tech's 222-0 win over Cumberland, 104 years ago.

► Dodgers star **Cody Bellinger** wrenched his shoulder during a needlessly flamboyant high-five exchange during Game 7 of the NLCS vs. the Braves. He thus came close to joining the growing list of those lost to injuries during excessive celebrations.

In the 2007 national title game, Ohio State star **Ted Ginn Jr.** returned the opening kick 93 yards for a TD, but was lost the rest of the game when he was injured in a team-participation mob celebration. Florida won, 41-14.

Early in the 2015 season, Notre Dame's terrific safety **Drue Tranquill** was lost for the year when his leg gave out after leaping to high-five a teammate. This increasingly obligatory excess was precipitated by nothing more than an overthrown, incomplete pass.

Aikman, Buck forgot most important part of flyovers

TOO BAD Fox's **Joe Buck** and **Troy Aikman** had to include political wisecracking within their overheard conversation about money-wasting military flyovers at ballgames or their take might have found favor with most.

Not only are such flyovers expensive, they're dangerous.

The NHL's first outdoor Winter Classic, 2008, Pittsburgh at Buffalo, was played in a blizzard. But that didn't stop the geniuses in charge from sending four gigantic military helicopters — barely visible in the storm — from flying over the stadium in which 70,000 were gathered.

► First there were Aikman's weekly identifications of teams and players taking the field with

"chips on their shoulders," a vague, useless take on coming matters.

Throughout Monday's Chiefs-Bills, Aikman went long-form silly, telling us that one team or the other's defense "has to figure out how to get off the field."

While we're at it, **John Smoltz** has had several enlightening things to say throughout MLB's playoffs and now the World Series on Fox. But his endless, suffocating talk after every pitch continues to make it extremely difficult to distinguish the wheat from the chaff.

But yak-box analysts — count ESPN's "Monday Night Football" newcomer **Louis Riddick**, among them — are another of viewers' untreated burdens.

RAGE BEFORE BEAUTY

Anger turning to silence shows rule changes were good for game — but here are a few suggested tweaks

ROB Manfred, in an appearance on MLB Network this week, lined up behind retaining expanded playoffs and indicated a consensus growing around him to keep the rule in which extra innings begin with a runner on second.

The commissioner mentioned positive feedback for the alterations made for 2020 pandemic baseball. That should be a reminder how the wheel works in this sport more than the others. Any change is greeted with fall-of-the-republic hysteria with warnings the game will never be the same and fans will exit in droves. And then once it is seen in action ...

Is there much protest any longer about protecting fielders on pivots at second or collisions at home after the initial uproar? How about sending runners to first rather than tossing four balls for an intentional walk? Right, furor followed generally by crickets.

It accentuates the fact a commissioner should ignore the outside noise and do what he thinks is right for the game — for safety, drawing and retaining fans and making more money.

The three big rule changes implemented specifically for this COVID campaign were expanded playoffs, the extra-inning rule and a universal DH. I suspect the commissioner has not publicly advocated for the universal DH because it is something the MLB Players Association would like to see made permanent and, thus, becomes a negotiating point to perhaps get the expanded playoffs that owners desire. In fact, all of these items must be negotiated between the sides to be used in 2021. Haste is needed because, for example, teams might think of how they will build their rosters this offseason based on whether more clubs will make the playoffs and whether all teams will use the DH. The players will want to understand fully what that market is.

Some thoughts on these rules:

Playoff expansion

The playoffs this year expanded from 10 teams to 16 with an extra round. Manfred has said 16 is too many. But there was an MLB plan afoot already to



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try to get to 14 as part of a new collective bargaining agreement (the current deal expires after next season).

The balancing act is to grow the playoffs — and, thus, the payoff from networks — without degrading the regular season. My thought on how to do that with 14 teams is to give the team with the best record in each league a bye not to play in a best-of-three first round. That means teams that can get that perk to avoid the two-of-three dice roll will play hard to the end of the regular season.

Then, the other division winners in each league would receive: home field in all three games plus, if they win Game 1, they advance and if they lose Game 1, they can still advance by winning the next two. There also would be one series — between the top two wild-card teams in each league — that would just be straight best-of-three.

But altering the series featuring division winners helps keep the integrity of the regular season because winning a division is such a benefit. No team is going to just concede it is a wild card with a few weeks left and not try to win a division. Players are concerned that if so many teams make the playoffs, then many organizations will stop spending for the marginal upgrades to win a division — so making a division title so valuable gets the players on the side of this. It also increases the likelihood of an active trade deadline since you will have teams not only trying to

get into the playoffs, but also working to upgrade to win a division.

Plus, what networks love — beyond playoff inventory — are elimination games. In this format, Game 1 is an elimination game for the lower seed; if there is a Game 2, it is an elimination game for the higher seed; and if there is a Game 3, it is an elimination game for both.

Extra-inning runner

I liked the extra-inning rule more than I expected. But just to tether a bit more to the past, my first recommendation would be to play a 10th inning and if it were still tied, then go to the runner on second to begin the 11th. Or one other modification to consider: Start the 10th inning with a runner on first and if it is still tied after that, go to a runner on second.

I am trying to find ways to play fewer of those games because as dramatic and strategy-filled as it is to begin with a runner on second, it does feel extreme and I want to limit that extreme with other mechanisms if I could.

But, in general, the idea of games that stretch in time and risk to bodies beyond 11 or 12 innings should be junked, and so I am for including some form of placing a runner on base to get to a winner sooner.

I have long been for the universal DH, so nothing changes here. I know folks worry about the loss of strategy, but these playoff games have lent themselves to lots of questions about the proper deployment of players, specifically pitchers. It is just part of the modern game to use more personnel.

For example, the Rays never double-switched in World Series Game 2, but (among other things) they did use their closer (Nick Anderson) in the fifth inning, deployed two pinch runners simultaneously with one out in the top of the ninth and removed Aaron Loup after he had retired three straight and with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. So, Rays manager Kevin Cash never had to do the mental gymnastics of figuring out where to hit his pitcher, but this was an awful lot for him and fans to contemplate and debate.

Look, you might be able to find a pitcher such as Madison Bumgarner or Zack Greinke who can hit — and, by the way, that is .177 and .225, respectively — but most pitchers can't hit and don't want to hit. At this point, it feels like asking your placekicker to play fullback — an unattractive and not particularly healthy concept.

I imagine if it were announced that a full-time DH would be used from 2021 forward, we would hear that it is ruining the game, fans screaming they are never coming back and by June — crickets.

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CHANGE IS GOOD: When commissioner Rob Manfred, watching Game 1 of the World Series, instituted new rules for this pandemic season, there was much grumbling. Upon further review, they generally enhanced the game and the criticism died down.

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FAILING FORWARD

Shaped by past shortcomings, Buehler has become a postseason force

By MIKE PUMA

If Saturday's second inning felt familiar to Walker Buehler, it was because he had been there before.

Bases loaded against the Braves in the playoffs, with the potential for disaster looming. In that previous occurrence, in the 2018 NLDS, Buehler walked in a run before surrendering a grand slam to Ronald Acuna Jr., sinking the Dodgers on that particular day.

This time it was Game 6 of the NLCS, and the Braves had the bases loaded, again in the second inning, with nobody out. Buehler recalled the failure of last time and how it didn't destroy him as a pitcher. The flashback may have calmed his nerves enough to explain what happened next: Buehler struck out Austin Riley and Nick Markakis in succession before Cristian Pache grounded out, leaving the Braves empty-handed. It was the pivotal sequence in the Dodgers' victory that allowed their season to continue and a pennant-clinching celebration to occur the following night.

"There is a confidence element to it," said Buehler, who is scheduled to face the Rays on Friday in Game 3 of the World Series at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. "I didn't feel any anxiety or panic like you might usually. I've had a runner on third with one out in games before and felt that. It's something that kind of comes in waves, but that one I felt good."

In the right-hander Buehler, the Dodgers have developed a dependable October presence. In 10 career postseason starts, he's pitched to a 2.44 ERA and



LEARNING EXPERIENCE: When Walker Buehler faced a no-outs, bases-loaded situation against the Braves in the 2018 playoffs, he gave up a grand slam to Ronald Acuna Jr. (above). In the same situation this year, he got out of the jam (right) and pitched the Dodgers to a pivotal win.

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1.030 WHIP. The highlights include the gem he pitched Saturday (six scoreless innings against the Braves) and his beauty in Game 2 of the 2018 World Series, in which he fired a two-hit shutout over seven that was erased by the Dodgers' bullpen in a loss to the Red Sox.

Buehler is something of a contrast to co-ace Clayton Kershaw, not only because of postseason résumé — Kershaw has pitched to mixed results in the playoffs — but in temperament.

Whereas Kershaw is close to unapproachable on days he pitches, Buehler converses with coaches and teammates.

"Just my time knowing Walker he is just kind of easy-going, so I guess if he came in like Clayton on his start day I would be a little bit more concerned," manager Dave Roberts said. "But Walker just kind of comes in and ramps up his focus, but early on he's just jovial."

Buehler credits his tenure at Vanderbilt — he was part of the school's College World

Series champion team in 2014 — for helping mold him mentality. Fear of failure wasn't an option with the Commodores.

"My three years at Vanderbilt, I think there was a lot of failure and a lot of manufactured failure or making things tough on yourself so the normal stuff kind of sounds easier and that's a big part of it," the 26-year-old Buehler said. "I think just maturing as a person has for sure helped with that and understanding you can bounce back. You're not always going to be successful.

Learn from it instead of letting it consume you."

Roberts prefers the word "experiences" over "failure" in describing Buehler's letdowns, as scarce as they have been.

"You are in situations and you don't have success, you don't play well, you don't pitch well," Roberts said. "Whatever it might be, the results are not what you want, but he is just very good about understanding what happened and how he can get better out of the situations, those experiences that he's had in the past."

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A virtual certainty: Fans need to be included in 2021

ARLINGTON, Texas — All you need to know about Wednesday night's World Series Game 2, which won't be replayed anywhere besides the Tampa-St. Petersburg market in the decades to come, is this:

The top story from the game on The Post's website concerned a loopy fan throwing his glove onto the field, here at Globe Life Field, after catching Will Smith's sixth-inning home run.

Yes, even when the action on the field induces sleep, as was the case in the Rays' 6-4 win over the Dodgers, the folks in the stands bring an element of unpredictability. They provide extra content at a profit; after all, they're the ones paying, not getting paid, to be here.

So consider this a plea and a proposal to Major League Baseball: If conditions don't allow folks to attend games in-person next season, a scenario certainly within the realm of possibility, then at least get folks at the games virtually.

"It's been really good to have them back and feel the noise that they make," Rays shortstop Willy Adames said Thursday, as both teams held optional workouts to which almost no one showed up, understandably. "People asking for a ball, yelling at you, 'Let's go, whatever, whatever.' I guess as a player you miss that. That's more energy to the game. We needed that."

"Obviously, you've got to adjust to the situation, but in

front of fans, it's 1,000 times better. And we like that."

The seats have been filled at 25 percent capacity, putting 11,000-plus people here each night. That means it lacks the volume and intensity of a full house, and then throw in the neutral-site component. In normal times, this would feel lame.

After a season that saw zero regular-season fans due to the novel coronavirus, however? It's manna from heaven. It's looking to see what jerseys folks are wearing (mostly Dodgers). It's hearing the volume rise and trail in synchronicity with the action on the field, as opposed to the reactions being a millisecond late as the sound engineer pushes a button of canned crowd noise. It's hearing boos, the sweetest melody of all.

"I think that I love having warm bodies in the stands. It's great. The energy has been great," said Dodgers manager Dave Roberts, whose club also played in front of live bodies during its National League Championship Series victory over the Braves. "I like the way that Major League Baseball has done things under these circumstances."

I'll say baseball and the teams went 1-for-2. The cardboard fans, which many teams deployed, were phenomenal, a great idea to give fans reason to tune in ("Hey, there I am, behind home plate!") as well as pay tribute to past greats, area legends or any other charmingly goofy

ideas that crossed the teams' minds; the Royals included the cardboard cutouts of Bernie from "Weekend at Bernie's," for some reason, and what's not to love about that?

The piped-in crowd cuts didn't work for me. They were a tease, the acoustics without the soul behind them.

Let's hope the country has progressed enough by Opening Day so that fans can enter, even at a partial percentage, and that's that. If it hasn't and they can't, though? Base-

ball should find ways to get people there through streaming like the NBA did at its Orlando bubble.

Chris Marinak, MLB's chief operations and strategy officer, wrote in a text message, "Everything is on the table for next year at this point. We are just going to continue to monitor things over the winter and should have a better sense of what the options are early in 2021."

If you can't throw a glove onto the field virtually, you can at least boo and gasp and laugh. You can enhance the action and become part of the action, too.

This series still has a chance to be great, the clubs tied at 1-1, the Dodgers' Walker Buehler and the Rays' Charlie Morton going at it in Friday night's Game 3. Having vocal eyewitnesses on site, this year more than any other, can make it even greater — and further motivate the teams to make them part of the action next year.

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Scuffling Adames still contributing

By MIKE PUMA

Willy Adames possesses an "it" factor that doesn't mesh with his age and major league experience.

The 25-year-old Rays shortstop, who is completing his third season, has fast become a clubhouse presence whose demeanor is appreciated throughout the organization.

"It's rare for a player his age, but once you get to know Willy his personality is pretty infectious," Rays manager Kevin Cash said Thursday. "There's

just people who have those traits where people just kind of flock to them and Willy is at the top of the list in our clubhouse, in our organization."

Missing from Adames' otherwise solid résumé, which included a .259/.332/.481 slash line during the regular season, is postseason success. In 16 games this postseason he is slashing .136/.345/.205.

"Willy's had a tough go offensively, but not for one

second have you seen that change his mentality between innings or while we are hitting or on defense," Cash said. "He's been a rock star for us at shortstop and he's going to get his bat going, too. But the personality on Willy is one of the many reasons that makes him so special."

➤ **Austin Barnes** is a consideration to start behind the plate for Game 3, according to Dodgers manager **Dave Roberts**, given the manner

he handled **Walker Buehler** in Game 6 of the NLCS. If Barnes starts at catcher, Roberts said he would use Will Smith as the DH. Roberts has been unafraid this postseason to shift Smith behind the plate late in games he starts at DH, losing a DH from the lineup.

➤ Roberts tabbed lefty **Julio Urias** as his Game 4 starter, but Cash wouldn't commit to **Ryan Yarbrough**. If Yarbrough doesn't start, the Rays will likely go with an opener.

SERIES NOTES

IT'S NOT OVER JET

Miserable season won't be a nonstop nosedive

IT'S AMAZING how willing we are to fast-forward through life. Since 7 p.m. last Sunday, it has been concluded that the Jets will go 0-16 and secure the No. 1-over-all pick in the 2021 draft ... and that Trevor Lawrence either will pull a Peyton Manning and stay at Clemson, or pull an Eli Manning and force a trade.

(Deep breath) ...

Let's remember it's just Week 7. Last season entering Week 7, the Jets were 1-4, coming off a surprise win over the Cowboys and headed for the 33-0 "seeing ghosts" debacle versus the Patriots, which was followed by losses at Jacksonville and Miami. Oh, did I forget to mention the Jets finished 7-9?

Now, there are a lot of reasons why 2020 isn't 2019. Adam Gase looks like a goner sometime soon; general manager Joe Douglas has begun a fire sale, even though the team won't acknowledge those words; and the schedule looks brutal. But to that final point, we don't know what's going to happen in any single NFL game, let alone 10 games across more than two months.

The Jets are getting double digits at home against a Bills team that has lost two games in a row and is traveling on a short week after giving up 245 rushing yards to the Chiefs. Sean McDermott's team needs a win, but in this situation, the result figures to be more important than the margin.

It's too soon to know if Sam Darnold will return on Sunday, and if he does, whether he will have use of the trio of Jamison Crowder, Breshad Perriman and Denzel Mims for the first time. If

that band is together, it would be a different Jets offense than what we've seen so far.

The pick: Jets, +12.

Cowboys (+1) over WASH-

INGTON: This line opened Dallas -3.5 and has flipped, probably due to a combination of the Cowboys allowing 36.3 ppg and anonymous players complaining Mike McCarthy and his staff can't coach. A tough WFT defensive line goes up against a battered Cowboys OL. It's all going

against the Cowboys, which makes me want to pick them.

BENGALS (+3) over Browns:

This is the first opponent Joe Burrow is facing for a second time. The learning curve could go both ways, but he put up 30 points in Cleveland in Week 2, and I'm figuring the familiarity will benefit him more.

Lions (+2.5) over

FALCONS: Big win for the Falcons last week in Minnesota in Raheem Morris's first game after replacing Dan Quinn as head coach. Sharp bettors are not sold, however, as they bet this opening line down below the key num-

ber of 3. According to VSiN, short road underdogs of +6 or less are 23-11 against the spread (64 percent) this season.

Panthers (+7.5) over SAINTS:

The Panthers couldn't get it done as favorites against the tough Bears defense last week, but now Teddy Bridgewater returns to New Orleans in his wildly successful role. He is 20-5 ATS (80 percent) in his career as an underdog, per VSiN.

Packers (-3.5) over TEXANS:

Sharps and public bettors appear to be on the same side here, as

they bet this up from Packers -3 in a bounce-back spot after the 38-10 loss at Tampa Bay. It was surreal how quickly and completely that game disintegrated, but the Packers are still a top team.

Steelers (+1.5) over TITANS:

Here's another line that flipped favorites after the Steelers started out -2.5. Now Pittsburgh fits into that 64 percent trend of short road 'dogs. Steelers are No. 2 in total yards and rushing yards allowed, so this is not a bunch Derrick Henry will be able to simply trample.

Buccaneers (-3.5) over

RAIDERS: Game moved from Sunday night to the late-afternoon window as the Raiders deal with another COVID

problem, which could

prove to be anything from nuisance to dangerous. And

here comes Tom Brady, backed by a Tampa Bay defense that completely shut down the Packers' machine.

49ers (+1.5) over PA-

TRIOTS: The Niners also qualify for our road 'dog trend, and Jimmy Garoppolo carries a 10-3 ATS mark as an underdog into his Foxborough homecoming. Niners LB Fred Warner has the speed to

run down Cam Newton.

Jaguars (+7.5) over CHARGERS: This is a "hold your nose" selection, as the Jaguars have lost five in a row by an average of 12.6 points. But as good as Justin Herbert has looked, he's still 0-4, and every Chargers game has been decided by seven or fewer points.

Chiefs (-9.5) over BRONCOS:

Tricky handicap for the first expected snow game of the season, as 21 degree temps and 3-6 inches of snow are forecast for Denver on Sunday. My sense is that Patrick Mahomes, Travis Kelce and a suddenly stout power running game will be fine, while the conditions will hinder Drew Lock from attacking Kansas City's defensive weaknesses. It is a ton of points to give to a Denver D that kept the Patriots out of the end zone, though.

CARDINALS (+3) over Sea-

hawks: Arizona has the edge statistically by 6 yards per game offensively and 125 ypg defensively. The undefeated Seahawks do pull a lot of games out of the fire, often on the final play. This game was moved from an afternoon kickoff to prime time.

MONDAY

Bears (+6) over RAMS: Both teams are in the top seven in yards per game allowed and points per game allowed. That likelihood of a lower total of points makes the near-TD spread more valuable. And unless the line increases, the Bears fit the road dogs +6 or less trend that's been highlighted.

BEST BETS: Packers, Panthers, Bears.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: Packers (Locks 1-4-1 in 2020).

LAST WEEK: 7-7 overall, 1-2 Best Bets.

THURSDAY: Eagles (L).

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Bills 12 (45.5) JETS (Sun., 1:00, CBS)	Jets	Jets	★ Bills	Bills	Bills	Bills	Jets	Jets	Jets
WASHINGTON 1 (45.5) Cowboys (1:00)	Washington	Cowboys	Cowboys	★ Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	★ Cowboys	Washington	Cowboys
Browns 3 (50.5) BENGALS (1:00)	Browns	★ Bengals	Bengals	★ Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Bengals
FALCONS 2.5 (56) Lions (1:00)	Falcons	Lions	Lions	Falcons	Lions	★ Falcons	Lions	Falcons	Lions
SAINTS 7.5 (51.5) Panthers (1:00)	Saints	★ Panthers	★ Saints	Saints	★ Panthers	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints
Packers 3.5 (56.5) TEXANS (1:00)	Packers	Texans	Packers	Packers	★ Packers	Packers	★ Packers	Packers	★ Texans
TITANS 1.5 (50.5) Steelers (1:00)	Titans	Steelers	Titans	Titans	Steelers	Titans	Titans	★ Steelers	★ Steelers
Bucs 3.5 (53.5) RAIDERS (4:05, Fox)	Raiders	Raiders	Bucs	Raiders	Raiders	Bucs	★ Bucs	Raiders	Raiders
PATRIOTS 1.5 (43.5) 49ers (4:25, CBS)	Patriots	49ers	49ers	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	49ers	Patriots	Patriots
CHARGERS 7.5 (49.5) Jaguars (4:25)	Jaguars	Jaguars	Chargers	Chargers	★ Jaguars	Chargers	Jaguars	Chargers	Jaguars
Chiefs 9.5 (45.5) BRONCOS (4:25)	★ Chiefs	Broncos	★ Chiefs	★ Chiefs	Broncos	★ Chiefs	Broncos	★ Broncos	Broncos
Seahawks 3 (55.5) CARDS (8:20, NBC)	★ Seahawks	Cardinals	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
RAMS 6 (45) Bears (Mon., 8:15, ESPN)	★ Rams	Bears	Bears	Bears	Rams	★ Bears	Bears	Rams	★ Rams

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POST STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Stitches	55	33	3	.621	—
Dunleavy	51	37	3	.577	4
Charleen	47	41	3	.533	8
Blezow	46	42	3	.522	9
Kussoy	44	44	3	.500	11
Serby	43	45	3	.489	12
Loftis	42	46	3	.478	13
Schwartz	40	48	3	.456	15
Cannizzaro	39	49	3	.445	16
Costello	37	51	3	.423	18

BEST BETS

	W	L	T	Pct.	GB
Dunleavy	16	2	0	.889	—
Stitches	10	7	1	.583	5 1/2
Kussoy	10	8	0	.556	6
Costello	9	7	2	.556	6
Serby	9	9	0	.500	7
Charleen	8	9	1	.472	7 1/2
Schwartz	8	10	0	.444	8
Cannizzaro	7	11	0	.389	9
Blezow	5	11	2	.333	10
Loftis	4	14	0	.222	12

Horse sense says stay with Broncos as 'dogs

By DAVE TULEY

Dave Tuley, senior reporter at VSiN.com, is in his third season with the Post's Bettor's Guide. His handicapping pieces appear in VSiN's online magazine, Point Spread Weekly.

BRONCOS (+9.5) over Chiefs: The Broncos certainly stepped up for us in beating the Patriots outright last Sunday, but I've been equally impressed with how the defense has kept them in games versus the Titans (which looks better with each passing week) and Steelers (ditto). The 2-3 Broncos are 4-1 against the spread. This line is on the rise after everyone watched the Chiefs pull away to cover against the Bills on Monday, but I contend that's the market overvaluing the Chiefs. Wait to see if we can get +10. If inclement weather hits Denver on Sunday as forecast, that tends to help level the

playing field for underdogs.

Panthers (+7.5) over SAINTS: The Panthers' three-game winning streak was snapped with their 23-16 loss to the Bears last Sunday, but I expect them — especially the offense — to fare better against the Saints, who have let lesser teams (Lions and Chargers) stick around. So getting more than a TD is too hard to resist. This looks like an example of New Orleans being credited too many points for home-field advantage. Though the Saints looked their best in their Week 1 home win over the Buccaneers, they lost to the Packers 37-30 in Week 3 at home, then won but didn't cover as 7-point home faves versus the Chargers in Week 5 before their bye. I expect a similar result, with the points coming in handy.

LAST WEEK: 2-0, Broncos (W), Eagles (W).

2020 SEASON: 5-6-1.

SPREAD STANDINGS

	NFC	2020	2019	2018
Packers	4-1-0	10-6-0	6-9-1	
Seahawks	4-1-0	7-8-1	10-5-1	
Bears	4-2-0	4-12-0	12-4-0	
Cardinals	4-2-0	9-5-2	7-9-0	
Giants	3-3-0	7-9-0	8-7-1	
Panthers	3-3-0	6-9-1	7-9-0	
Rams	3-3-0	10-5-1	7-8-1	
Vikings	3-3-0	9-7-0	8-7-1	
Buccaneers	3-3-0	5-9-2	7-7-2	
49ers	3-3-0	9-6-1	5-11-0	
Washington	3-3-0	6-10-0	9-7-0	
Lions	3-3-0	6-10-0	9-7-0	
Saints	2-3-0	11-5-0	10-6-0	
Eagles	2-4-0	7-9-0	6-10-0	
Falcons	2-4-0	8-8-0	5-11-0	
Cowboys	0-6-0	9-7-0	9-6-1	
	AFC	2020	2019	2018
Chargers	4-1-0	4-9-3	9-7-0	
Broncos	4-1-0	9-7-0	6-10-0	
Steelers	4-1-0	9-7-0	8-7-1	
Dolphins	4-2-0	9-7-0	8-8-0	
Chiefs	4-2-0	10-5-1	10-6-0	
Bengals	4-2-0	6-10-0	9-7-0	
Raiders	3-2-0	8-8-0	6-10-0	
Bills	3-3-0	9-5-2	7-9-0	
Browns	3-3-0	5-10-1	10-6-0	
Colts	3-3-0	7-7-2	8-7-1	
Ravens	3-3-0	10-6-0	8-8-0	
Titans	2-3-0	8-7-1	8-8-0	
Patriots	2-3-0	8-7-1	9-7-0	
Jaguars	2-4-0	7-9-0	5-9-2	
Texans	1-5-0	7-8-1	9-7-0	
Jets	0-6-0	7-9-0	5-11-0	

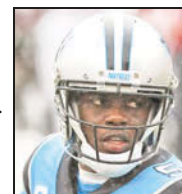
TD-plus spread looks to be a Bridge' too far

The Wildcat returns for his 24th season in The Post. Including the 1997-2019 seasons in the Bettor's Guide, Cat's record in print stands at 636-537 (54.2 percent) against the spread.

Panthers (+7.5) over SAINTS: When Teddy Bridgewater had to step in for Drew Brees in New Orleans last season, he was stellar, ripping off five straight wins. Now a Panther, Bridgewater tosses another "I'll show you guys" kind of effort here, going against an up-and-down Saints defense which has been markedly less than reliable, yielding meaningful points to respectable foes. It took Chicago's defense to put a crimp into Carolina's recent surge. Click with the Cats.

49ers (+1.5) over PATRIOTS: New England's loss to the Broncos at Gillette might be taken as

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merely a quirk. Two straight defeats at home might constitute a trend. Cam Newton just might not be up to taking out some of the tougher foes on Pats' remaining schedule — including this unit. The Niners are laboring under the Super Bowl-loser hangover, but if Jimmy Garoppolo can stay healthy, the visitors should be a very tough out. Niners strike gold.

LAST WEEK: 0-2.

Rams (L). Cowboys (L).

2020 SEASON: 3-9.

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Emergency kicker may be needed

By PETER BOTTE

The Jets are starting to get back some key injured players, but they might need to break the glass and use their emergency kicker Sunday against Buffalo.

Sam Ficken, a rare bright spot on the NFL's lone winless squad, didn't practice Thursday because of a groin issue that popped up the previous day in practice.

JETS NOTES

If Ficken is unable to play against the Bills, the Jets would turn to Sergio Castillo, a 29-year-old placekicker/punter hybrid who spent five seasons in the Canadian Football League and one in the XFL before the Jets signed him to their practice squad last week as contingency due to the COVID-19 testing rules.

"That's why they did it, in case something happened with the protocols and how much time it takes," Jets coach Adam Gase said before practice Thursday. "If something like this happened [during] the week, we needed to have someone available to us whether it's both kicking and punting. This is what it is was for, it was more thinking COVID, but this was the emergency plan."

Ficken has connected on nine of 10 field-goal attempts and all six of his extra-point kicks this season, with his only miss a 54-yarder last week against Miami. Gase said the Jets will re-evaluate Ficken's status on Friday.

➤ Wide receiver **Jamison Crowder** (groin), offensive lineman **Alex Lewis** (shoulder) and linebacker **Tarell Basham** (non COVID-related illness) did not practice, but Gase said Crowder's absence was "just precautionary."

Offensive linemen **Mekhi Becton** (shoulder), **George Fant** (knee) and **Chuma Edoga** (calf) were limited in practice.

➤ Gase on Wednesday's trade of little-used linebacker **Jordan Willis** and a 2021 seventh-round pick to San Francisco for sixth-rounder in 2022: "There was an opportunity there. He'd been inactive for us, so we just thought it was best for him, best for us."

SILENT COUNT

By PETER BOTTE

Sam Darnold has an Instagram account, and it's not like he lives in a cave without WiFi access.

Of course he has heard the speculation about the winless Jets possibly being headed for the No. 1-overall pick in the 2021 draft, with a chance to nab projected generational quarterback Trevor Lawrence out of Clemson.

Darnold practiced on a limited basis for the second straight day Thursday with the hope of returning Sunday against the Bills after missing two games with a shoulder injury. The third-year QB insists the only future he presently is concerned about within the organization is his immediate future.

"We have to worry about this week and Buffalo and getting a win. ... That's all we're worried about right now," Darnold said after practice in Florham Park. "I have social media, I've seen some of the things, but we've got a game to win this week."

"For me [the Lawrence speculation] is out of my control. I'm here to do my best and help this team win games. That's all I can do, and with that is preparing every single day as hard as I can and going out to practice and trying to have the best practice I can. That's all I can do."

The 23-year-old Darnold stressed he has felt fine in practice this week after missing the past two losses to the Cardinals and the Dolphins with a sprained AC joint in his throwing shoulder suffered Oct. 1 against the Broncos. He admitted he's still dealing with "a little bit of pain, but nothing crazy," adding he believes he's capable of "dealing with it" if head coach Adam Gase decides to start him Sunday.

"I've felt good. The last two days have gone really well throwing the ball," Darnold said. "I've recovered pretty quick. Obviously, it's still to be determined what's happening Sunday, who's starting, but I've felt really good the last couple of days."

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"I think it's me recovering, recovering fast and making sure that nothing is tight and nothing is super-sore. I think that is really the only hurdle that I have to go through."

Darnold, the third-overall pick in the 2018 draft, has completed just



59.4 percent of his passes with a 70.7 passer rating this season, with three touchdowns and four interceptions.

The Jets have not played particularly well with Darnold at quarterback during his first three seasons, going 11-19 in games he's started, but they are winless in all eight games he hasn't played.

"I don't think I've played well enough to win. That's just shooting straight," Darnold said of his 0-4 record this season. "We haven't won any games yet, so obviously I haven't played well enough."

Still, neither Darnold nor veteran backup Joe Flacco has had the projected full complement of offensive weapons this season due to various injuries both at wide receiver and along the offensive line.

"I don't think it's fair to evaluate him at this point but we know the nature of the beast and he understands the nature of the beast," offensive coordinator Dowell Loggains said. "In this business you're judged off production and winning as a quarterback, that's the bottom line and he understands that. We need to start coaching better, we need to start playing better around him, and Sam is the least of our worries around here."

Loggains added Darnold has been "fighting through a lot of stuff, but he's doing everything he can to be out there, and for us, he's looked good enough to see how it goes [Friday]."

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CAN'T HEAR YOU:

Sam Darnold, back at Jets practice after suffering a sprained AC joint in his right shoulder, said he isn't focused on the Jets possibly landing the No. 1 pick in next year's draft and selecting Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence (left).

Robert Sabo, AP

JETS fans have had a rough week. A rough season, really.

OK, it's been a rough decade. It's possible, however, that on Sunday they'll have something — albeit minuscule — to look forward to.

Baby steps when you're 0-6.

It looks like the Jets will have their full starting receiving corps on the field at the same time in a game for the first time, when they play the Bills at MetLife Stadium.



Mark Cannizzaro

If nothing else in this miserable season, that should give Jets fans a glimmer of hope, a slight peek at something positive for a change.

Barring an 11th-hour setback, Sam Darnold, who has missed the past two games with a shoulder injury, is poised to play again after practicing this week and on Thursday said he anticipates playing.

It, too, appears that the Jets are going to get their first look at rookie receiver Denzel Mims, their second-round draft pick who has been sidelined with a hamstring injury since training camp.

Jets coach Adam Gase has yet to confirm that Mims will be activated for Sunday's game, considering Thursday's practice was only the rookie's fifth full team session as a pro. But when you're the only winless team in the league and your offense has produced six touchdowns in six games, what are you waiting for?

Figure on Mims being on the field Sunday, ready or not.

Mims making his NFL debut opens the chance that the Jets will have all three of their top receivers on the field at the same time for the first time — as long as Jamison Crowder can play despite his sore groin.

Breshad Perriman last week returned from the ankle injury that cost him three games. The only question mark is Crowder, the team's top receiver, who was removed from Wednesday's practice as a precaution with a slight groin pull and didn't practice fully Thursday. But Gase said Crowder told him he'd be fine for the game.

"Having those guys back is great," Darnold said Thursday. "To have a talent like Denzel in there and 'BP' Crowder, [tight end Chris] Herndon, [Braxton] Berrios ... to have the whole squad back is nice to have those guys to throw to."

The biggest wild card is Mims, who by teammates' accounts stood out in practice Thursday with a few flashy catches.

We know what Crowder can do. Perriman, slowed by his injury, has yet to unleash his big-play ability. Mims, and how quickly he can accli-



THROWN INTO THE FIRE: Rookie receiver Denzel Mims appears set to play Sunday despite Thursday's practice just being his fifth full team session as a pro.

Robert Sabo

Handcuffs at receiver finally off

mate to the pro game on only six practices, is the biggest unknown.

"Anytime you can get a guy that we were kind of looking at as somebody that was going to be your starting receiver, to get him back in practice ... there's excitement," Gase said Thursday. "I keep trying to remind myself, [Thursday was] his fifth day of actual team practice in the NFL. I've had conversations with him, 'Hey, there's a lot of things that you haven't seen. You're going to be learning a lot quickly.'"

"The more he can do the better. He's got incredible length, range, he can go up and get the ball, speed. He has all those traits that you're looking for in a guy that can be a really good receiver."

He showed that in practice Thursday.

"He made two or three good catches in seven-on-seven [drills] and a couple catches in the team drills," linebacker Jordan Jenkins said.

"We saw some things where he went up and made a catch and even went downstairs and caught a ball

low," Darnold said. "It was really good to see that and you see the talent for sure. As he continues to learn the game plan and put things together, he builds his confidence and plays really well."

Jenkins, who plays defense, sounded as fired up as an offensive player at the prospect of having the full receiving corps playing together for the first time.

"It's definitely exciting to look forward to," Jenkins said. "They [the offense] definitely got the short end of the stick. It's seemed like every other week an important piece to the offense was injured. It's good to see guys that you never really played with or never really got to work with out there making plays."

"I've heard a lot about Perriman, I've heard a lot about Mims, but [now] I get to see them making plays."

It's something for bewildered and beleaguered Jets fans look forward to, a reason to turn on the TV set on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Baby steps.

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STINK AT LINC

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

PHILADELPHIA — Two one-win teams battled Thursday for a chance at first place in their division, so let's accept the premise nothing in the NFC East makes sense in 2020.

It was the perfect time and place for the Giants to exorcise a demon by getting a win at Lincoln Financial Field.

But old habits die hard — especially when the habit is losing.

There would have been no faster way for coach Joe Judge to endear himself to Giants fans — no matter what else happens this season — than by proving he can beat the Eagles. Beating Washington last week just doesn't carry the same weight.

But the Eagles prevailed for the eighth straight time in this rivalry, 22-21 with a fourth-quarter comeback — as the Giants blew a double-digit lead at the Linc for the third straight season.

"Definitely that streak is too long," said tight end Evan Engram, whose dropped pass poured gasoline on the fire. "Today was one that we had — we just didn't finish."

Judge, quarterback Daniel Jones and a handful of other starters wore blue and white into the house of horrors for the first time and left with the same fate as their predecessors.



REAL LIVE FANS: A group of Giants fans cheer on their team from within a sea of cardboard-cutout Eagles fans Thursday night as Big Blue blew an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter to lose their seventh straight in Philadelphia.

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Ben McAdoo and Pat Shurmur couldn't win in Philadelphia, and Odell Beckham Jr. declared "it's time for all that to turn around" two years ago — but he's gone, too, and it hasn't turned around.

The Giants haven't won here since 2013.

"We had chances to close out the game and we did not execute," safety Jabrill Peppers said after allowing the game-winning touchdown pass. "That's all it is. It's no psychological thing or anything like that. We know this is a game we should've won."

They now can add Thursday — the one when they squandered a chance to put themselves in position for a first-place tie in the division (should the Cowboys lose Sunday at Washington) despite a disastrous 0-5 start — to the decade-long list of agony.

There was last year, when the Giants blew a 14-point lead and lost in overtime.

Or 2018, when the Giants blew a 16-point lead as Saquon Barkley disappeared from the second-half play-calling.

Or 2017, when the Giants scored 24 fourth-quarter points

and still lost on a 61-yard field goal at the end of regulation.

Or 2016, when the Giants were delayed from clinching a playoff spot.

Or 2014, when the Eagles pitched their first shutout in 18 years.

Or 2012 or 2010 or ... you get the point.

How much longer can it continue?

Now that 2020 again is a lost cause, the first step toward changing the narrative in the Judge and Jones era will be winning at the Linc next season.

Shepard eased back into lineup

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

The Giants got back one of their top offensive playmakers Thursday night, as wide receiver Sterling Shepard made his return after missing the previous four games dealing with a turf toe injury.

Shepard had a positive impact, seemingly make the play that steered his team to victory. In the end, the Giants again went down to the Eagles, losing 22-21 at Lincoln Financial Field.

Shepard was not expected to take a full workload and he did not.

Shepard was on the field with the starting lineup. He picked up his first reception on a third-and-5 pass in the second quarter that gained 7 yards. His best moment in the first half came when he spun away from a tackle attempt by Nickell Robey-Coleman for a 29-yard pickup later in the quarter.

Shepard beat Darius Slay for a 2-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter. He finished with six catches for 59 yards.

Early in the afternoon Shepard was acti-

vated off injured reserve, where he had been since the Week 2 turf toe injury that hit him late in the first half in a loss in Chicago. Given the progress Shepard made recently, removing him from IR was a given. To play against the Eagles, though, Shepard first had to prove he could withstand the pounding of a strenuous pregame workout. He did that to the satisfaction of the coaching staff and medical staff.

The Giants failed to find anyone remotely able to replace what Shepard brings to the offense. Darius Slayton was productive in Shepard's absence. Golden Tate was not. The other alternatives given a shot, Damion Ratley and C.J. Board, did not make any sort of positive impact. Ratley (four receptions for 63 yards) was released and Board (6-58) went down with a concussion suffered last week against Washington.

Shepard, 27, is in his fifth year with the Giants. He had eight catches for 76 yards in six quarters this season before landing on IR.

To add insurance at receiver, Alex Bach-

man was elevated to the roster off the practice squad.

➤ There were no changes on the offensive line, with **Andrew Thomas** and **Cam Fleming** starting at the tackle spots. **Matt Peart** came on the field early in the fourth quarter on a tackle-eligible play.

➤ **Devante Downs** returned to the starting lineup at inside linebacker.

➤ The Giants in the first half were dominated in time of possession, 20:24-9:36. They also were outgained (222-124) and in first downs (15-5).

➤ RB **Devonta Freeman** was forced out in the second half with an ankle injury.

➤ Rookie **Darnay Holmes**, who had played in every game, often as the slot cornerback, was inactive with a neck issue. Also inactive for the Giants: WR C.J. Board, FS **Adrian Colbert**, OT **Jackson Barton**, TE **Eric Tomlinson**, DE **RJ McIntosh** and DE **Jabaal Sheard**.

Eagles 22, Giants 21

Giants	7	0	7	7	—	21
Philadelphia	7	3	0	12	—	22

First Quarter

Phi: Wentz 1 run (Elliott kick), 8:45. Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards, 6:15. Key Plays: D.Jackson 12 run; Wentz 10 pass to D.Jackson; Wentz 3 run on 4th-and-1; Wentz 18 pass to Rodgers. **Philadelphia 7, Giants 0.**

Giants: Tate 39 pass from Jones (Gano kick), 4:13. Drive: 1 play, 39 yards, 00:07. **Giants 7, Philadelphia 7.**

Second Quarter

Phi: FG Elliott 31, 13:28. Drive: 13 plays, 57 yards, 5:45. Key Plays: Huntley kick return to Philadelphia 30; Wentz 15 pass to Scott; Wentz 13 pass to Scott; Wentz 12 pass to Clement; Wentz 16 pass to Rodgers; Wentz 14 pass to Ward on 3rd-and-10. **Philadelphia 10, Giants 7.**

Third Quarter

Giants: Gallman 1 run (Gano kick), 6:45. Drive: 4 plays, 88 yards, 2:06. Key Plays: Jones 80 run; Robey-Coleman 2-yard defensive pass interference penalty on 3rd-and-3. **Giants 14, Philadelphia 10.**

Fourth Quarter

Giants: Shepard 2 pass from Jones (Gano kick), 6:17. Drive: 15 plays, 97 yards, 7:50. Key Plays: Jones 11 pass to Slayton; LeBlanc 22-yard defensive pass interference penalty on 3rd-and-3; Jones 12 pass to Gallman; D.Lewis 19 run; Jones 9 pass to Shepard on 3rd-and-9. **Giants 21, Philadelphia 10.**

Phi: Ward 3 pass from Wentz (run failed), 4:38. Drive: 4 plays, 78 yards, 1:39. Key Plays: Clement kick return to Philadelphia 22; Wentz 59 pass to Hightower. **Giants 21, Philadelphia 16.**

Phi: Scott 18 pass from Wentz (pass failed), :40. Drive: 6 plays, 71 yards, 1:22. Key Plays: Wentz 11 pass to Rodgers; Wentz 30 pass to Rodgers; Scott 12 run; Ryan 2-yard defensive holding penalty on 3rd-and-5. **Philadelphia 22, Giants 21.**

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Individual Statistics

Rushing: Giants, Jones 4-92, Gallman 10-34, D.Lewis 3-23, Freeman 3-8, Ingram 2-3. Philadelphia, Scott 12-46, Wentz 7-14, Huntley 2-13, D.Jackson 1-12, Clement 2-9, Hurts 2-2.

Passing: Giants, Jones 20-30-1-187. Philadelphia, Wentz 25-43-1-359.

Receiving: Giants, Shepard 6-59, Engram 6-46, Gallman 5-20, Slayton 2-23, Tate 1-39. Philadelphia, Rodgers 6-85, Fulgham 2-0-0, Ridgeway 2-0-0, Robey-Coleman 1-2-0, Barnett 1-1-1, Hargrave 1-1-0, Riley 1-1-0, Maddox 1-0-0, Parks 0-1-0, Sweat 0-1-0. Arcega-Whiteside 1-8.

Punt Returns: Giants, Peppers 1-14, Tate 1-5. Philadelphia, Ward 1-11, D.Jackson 1-2.

Kickoff Returns: Giants, Ballentine 2-51, D.Lewis 1-15. Philadelphia, Clement 1-22, Huntley 1-16.

Tackles-Assists-Sacks: Giants, Martinez 7-2-0, Bradberry 5-0-0, Downs 5-0-0, Love 4-3-0, Peppers 4-2-1, Ryan 3-2-0, Hill 3-0-0, D.Tomlinson 3-0-0, Fackrell 1-2-0, Mayo 1-1-0, Golden 1-0-1, Lawrence 1-0-1, Ebner 1-0-0, Harper 1-0-0, Johnson 1-0-0, R.Lewis 1-0-0, Williams 1-0-0. Philadelphia, Singleton 5-0-0, Gerry 4-3-1, McLeod 3-3-0, Graham 3-1-1, Cox 3-1-0, Mills 3-1-0, Slay 3-0-0, LeBlanc 2-0-0, Ridgeway 2-0-0, Robey-Coleman 1-2-0, Barnett 1-1-1, Hargrave 1-1-0, Riley 1-1-0, Maddox 1-0-0, Parks 0-1-0, Sweat 0-1-0.

Interceptions: Giants, Bradberry 1-0. Philadelphia, Mills 1-5.

Missed Field Goals: Philadelphia, Elliott 29.

Officials: Referee Adrian Hill, Ump Paul King, HL Ed Camp, LJ Kevin Codey, FJ Jim Quirk, SJ Keith Washington, BJ Greg Steed, Replay Brian Matoren.

NYG	TEAM STATS	Phi	NYG	TEAM STATS	Phi
17	FIRST DOWNS	27	20-30	Completed-Att.	25-43
6	Rushing	8	1	Had Intercepted	1
8	Passing	16	5.0	Yards-Pass Play	7.5
3	Penalty	3	4-3-2 KICKOFFS-EndZone-TB5-3-2		
3-10	THIRD DOWN EFF	4-13	6-44.2	PUNTS-Avg.	5-51.0
0-0	FOURTH DOWN EFF	1-2	0	Punts blocked	0
325	TOTAL NET YARDS	442	0-0	FGs-PATs blocked	0-0
55	Total Plays	72	85	TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE	56
5.9	Avg Gain	6.1	2-19	Punt Returns	2-13
160	NET YARDS RUSHING	96	3-66	Kickoff Returns	2-38
22	Rushes	26	1-0	Interceptions	1-5
7.3	Avg per rush	3.7	9-62	PENALTIES-Yds	7-75
165	NET YARDS PASSING	346	2-2	FUMBLES-Lost	0-0
3-22	Sacked-Yds lost	3-13	27:22	TIME OF POSSESSION	32:38
187	Gross-Yds passing	359			

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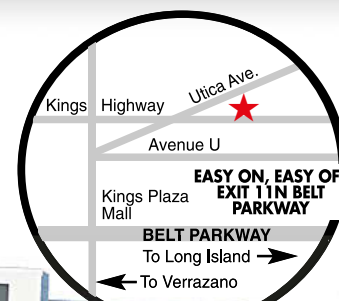
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BAD TRIP



CRASH LANDING: Giants quarterback Daniel Jones hits the turf after stumbling on what turned out to be an 80-yard run — but could have been a long TD. The Giants scored moments later, but fell short on the night in a 22-21 loss to the Eagles.

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

ONE PLAY.
One drive.
One touchdown.

That's all Joe Judge asked of Daniel Jones.

And then Jones faked the handoff to Wayne Gallman and was off to the races, ahead of the field, Eagles futilely chasing him, Giants guard Nick Gates thrusting his arm in the air ...

And then, Jones began stumbling, around the 20, and he tumbled forward.

It was an 80-yard trip in all, giving the Giants first-and-goal at the Eagles' 8, and soon Gallman was leaping over the pile and it was Giants 14, Eagles 10.

And then, after Doug Pederson went for it fourth-and-goal at the 3, and Logan Ryan got away with one on a rainbow ruled incomplete for 6-foot-5 Hakeem Butler, came The Drive — 97 yards, capped by Jones' 2-yard third-and-goal TD pass to Sterling Shepard.

Jones had calmly dug the Giants from out of the shadow of his goal line. He ducked under Vinny Curry and flipped one to Gallman for 7 yards. He took a shot downfield for Golden Tate and got an interference call on Cra'Von LeBlanc. A surgical pass over the middle for Gallman. A third-and-9 pass to Shepard for the first down.

Giants 21, Eagles 10, only 6:17 remaining.

The defense had been heroic, until then, when it lost its composure

Jones does his part, but Giants stumble to Philly defeat anyway

and could not summon any killer instinct whatsoever, and a 59-yard Carson Wentz bomb to John Hightower positioned Philadelphia to cut the deficit to 21-16.

Now Jones was asked to make one more play.

Engineer one more drive.

One deadly drop, instead.

Jones launched one high downfield to where Evan Engram was past safety Will Parks, the perfect pass at the

perfect time to punctuate an imperfect victory over the Eagles.

And Engram let it slip off his fingertips.

"It's not a good feeling not making that play, and possibly putting the game on ice," Engram said.

In baseball, they would score it E-Engram.

No E from Daniel Jones.

"I've gotta do a better job putting the ball in a better position and the look is a specific one, so I've gotta do a better job recognizing that," Jones said.

And when Wentz drove the Eagles into the end zone with an 18-yard TD strike to Boston Scott over Jabrill Peppers to drive a stake into the Giants' hearts with 40 sec-

onds left, it was Eagles 22, Giants 21, Déjà P.U. all over again, one more choke against the rival that has had their number as far back as Joe Pisarcik and Herm Edwards and The Fumble.

One more play.

One more drive.

But Jones was sacked and stripped by Daniel Graham and lost a fumble for the 15th time.

Stumblebumps again.

"Sucky feeling right now," Engram said.

Jones was asked about his stumble run and said: "I tried to run faster than I was running, and got caught up. We finished the drive, scored a touchdown, so that was a relief to me for sure."

The Giants unshackled Daniel Jones, took the handcuffs off him, let him try to be the Daniel Jones everyone needs to see and expected to see at the start of the season.

Joe Judge was playing to win this one in front of his cheering family up in the suite and Lansdale Catholic High School friends at the Linc. He gave the green light to OC Jason Garrett to scrap the stodgy, unimaginative game plan they have trotted out too often with Wentz on the other side.

Poor Jones had no running game early to lean on. He didn't complete a pass to Darius Slayton until

early in the third quarter. He found himself with third-and-long and third-and-long on his first two series of the second quarter. And he sure had no help from revolving door left tackle Andrew Thomas, which only turns up the heat from the jackals on general manager Dave Gettleman for an offensive line that is still not fixed.

So Jones made one big play with his legs.

Engineered one big drive with his arm.

Had what would have been the winning pass dropped.

There have been all these well-chronicled protection issues and the losses of Saquon Barkley and (until Thursday) Shepard and a new offensive system for Jones to learn during a pandemic, but there is a division up for grabs that nobody seems to want to win. The 1-6 Giants have absolutely no chance to win it unless Jones starts making that elusive second-year leap at a time when rookies Joe Burrow and Justin Herbert have made it look so easy.

"I have nothing I can say right now that's gonna make anyone feel better about how the game turned out," Judge said. "We're not gonna make any excuses to the fans." For the most inexcusable defeat of this season.

Stumblebumps again.

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Big Blue's gassed 'D' falls short

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

PHILADELPHIA — The Giants defense ran out of gas, and it made for a long drive back up the New Jersey Turnpike.

For three quarters Thursday night, defensive coordinator Patrick Graham's unit overachieved, as it has all season.

And then what always happens to the Giants at Lincoln Financial Field — no matter who coaches or who plays in the game — happened: They gagged on a double-digit lead and lost, 22-21.

From the moment cornerback Logan Ryan broke up a fourth-down pass into the end zone to protect a 14-10 lead and flexed to the sparse crowd in the end zone, everything fell apart for the Giants defense. Even after a 97-yard touchdown drive led by Daniel Jones added to the cushion.

It's difficult to place blame solely on the defense, considering it survived an absurd 72 Eagles offensive plays, including 44 in the first half.

"As a defense, we don't decide when or where to go out there," coach Joe Judge said. "Our job is to execute when we are on the field. No excuses on that. Doesn't matter how many plays we play."

The Giants sacked Carson Wentz twice, created a takeaway in the end zone when cornerback James Bradberry intercepted a foolish pass fluttering into traffic, got two stops in the final two minutes of the first half and stopped a pair of two-point conversion attempts.

And none of it mattered when the Eagles finished with 442 yards of offense — 149 on two fourth-quarter scoring drives in the final six minutes.

"It's going to come down to us focusing in," linebacker Blake Martinez said, "and having that mental ability to, on the fly, whether they are going fast or slow, know what we need to do."

It has been abundantly clear that if the Giants had any chance of making something of the season, the defense — with only one player who has ever made it to a Pro Bowl (Leonard Williams) — had to carry the load.

A week ago, the defense secured the Giants' first win, 20-19, by stopping a two-point conversion pass from Washington in the final minute.

This time, it was different.

"With everything that happened in the game, we still were in position to close out the game and I didn't make a play," Jabrill Peppers said. "But I'll take it on the chin."



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SLIGHT OF HANDS

**Untimely whiff
turns uplifting
division victory
to painful defeat**

EVERYTHING the Giants worked for, everything they'd bled for, and now an entire football game was distilled to the most basic element: a ball in the air. Catch the ball, and the Giants win the game. Catch the ball and they close out a thrilling victory, an improbable climb within sight of first place.

Catch the ball and honor the buzz of the week: *Why not us?*

Even Ingram didn't catch the ball.

Daniel Jones had lofted a beautiful throw. Ingram had a step on safety Will Parks. He extended his arms. Just as his feet crossed the 30-yard line the ball fell out of the sky, into his hands ... and through his hands. Fourth down instead of first. Eagles ball follow-



Mike Vaccaro

ing a punt, just before the two-minute warning, instead of Giants ball and victory formation.

Why us?

Instead of *Why not us?*

The Eagles still had to drive 71 yards with just 122 seconds left. Ingram's drop didn't lose the game. But there wasn't a Giants fan anywhere, from Freehold to Freeport and all precincts in between who didn't know what was coming, who didn't feel this shat-

tering, 22-21 loss in their bones before they saw it on the scoreboard.

"No excuses from us," Giants coach Joe Judge would say.

So you can add Ingram's name to Joe Pisarcik's, and to Matt Dodge's to the roster of Giants who've helped perpetrate this on-again, off-again nightmare against the Eagles across the decades.

It shouldn't all fall on his shoulders. He wasn't on the field when the Giants defense — so stout all night, so resilient all year — allowed two Eagles touchdowns in the final five minutes. He didn't turn the ball over twice, as Jones did, the 11th time in his 20 career starts in which he's had multiple turnovers.

But that image, that sequence —

ball in the air, ball in his hands, ball through his hands — will be the haunting snapshot of the week and maybe the season, if the Giants aren't able to crawl back into position to play another meaningful game the rest of the year (though, this being the NFC East, you never know).

"We got the look we wanted," Ingram would say, his words heavy with hurt, his eyes fixed in a thousand-yard stare of disbelief. "D.J. threw a great ball. I didn't finish the play."

A pause. A sigh. Frustration. Pain.

"One hundred percent, I've got to make that," he said.

A thousand percent, the Giants should have won this game. The Eagles kept trying to hand it to

them. Philly led 10-7 at the half, and it could've been 24-7. The quarterback, Carson Wentz, made terrible decisions. The coach, Doug Pederson, made puzzling choices.

The Giants hung around, then Jones broke off an 80-yard run that was equal parts comic relief (since he stumbled yards shy of the goal line) and game-changing gem, then added a 97-yard drive that put them up 21-10 with 6:17 left.

It was there. It was right there, even when the Eagles answered with a quick TD. The Giants ran two running plays, got two first downs, and only needed a third to run out the clock. Ingram didn't finish his play, but the Eagles still needed to go those 71 yards to finish the miracle.



DROP ZONE: Evan Engram (88) walks off the field after the Giants' 22-21 loss at Philadelphia on Thursday night. Engram dropped a pass that would have given the Giants a first down and allowed them to run out the clock late in the game.

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

They went the 71 yards. Wentz connected with Boston Scott for an 18-yard touchdown. The Giants still had life. A field goal would've written a proper final chapter. They never got the field goal. Jones fumbled. The Eagles recovered. Ballgame.

Why not us to Why us in about 10 easy steps.

"This is a tough one to swallow," Giants linebacker Blake Martinez admitted. "It's the same thing all over again. Lapses. One guy here. One guy there."

Tough one to swallow. Tough one to accept. The Giants were in as good a position as a 1-5 team could ever be. They had a meaningful football game on the

last Thursday of October, long past the point where a 1-5 team should have anything remotely meaningful to play for. They scratch. They claw. They bleed. They play hard every week.

They are 1-6.

"We're not going to ask you to be patient," Judge said, his message intended for Giants fans.

Judge grew up an Eagles fan on the other side of this rivalry. He knows what losing a game like this means. He knows what 0-for-their-past-8 against a bitter foe means. And knows those fans probably didn't sleep much, visions of a ball slipping through fingertips littering dreams all over town. Why us, indeed.

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OFFENSE

Daniel Jones (20 of 30, 187 yards) did enough to win. He threw two touchdown passes, the one interception was not his fault, and his 80-yard run was a thing of beauty, until he tripped himself up. **Evan Engram's** fingerprints are all over this loss. He failed to catch a slant that he deflected into the air for an interception then dropped what should have been the game-sealing catch. **Wayne Gallman** (10-34 rushing, 5-20 receiving) provided a spark. Rookie left tackle **Andrew Thomas** is playing poorly enough to get benched. He was beaten, badly on a twist that resulted in a sack by LB Nathan Gerry early in the third quarter. **C**

DEFENSE

Once again, some great moments, some real cohesive moments and then a late letdown, meltdown. **Jabril Peppers** can't get beaten that badly by RB Boston Scott for game-winning TD. Late penalties by **Logan Ryan** and **James Bradberry** were unacceptable. Peppers did get his first sack of the season. Pass rush had Wentz (25 of 43, 359 yards) on the run, but he made the plays down the stretch. **C**

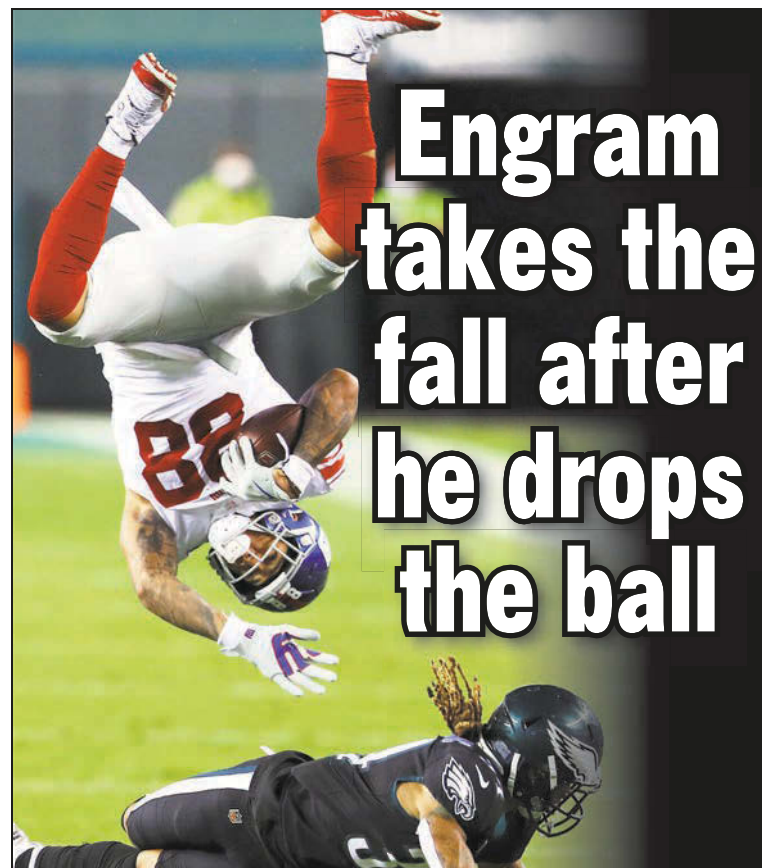
SPECIAL TEAMS

Corey Ballentine showed terrible awareness in the first quarter when he was not covered on the punt team, with **Riley Dixon** signaling to the sideline to call for a fake. Ballentine late in the game was called for a 15-yard personal foul for lowering his helmet to jump-start the Eagles' final drive. **C**

COACHING

Something has to be done to keep things in order down the stretch of these close games. Penalties and mistakes are a bad look, and it reflects on the head coach, like it or not. **Jason Garrett** made a great call on the third-down play that should have ended the game, but Engram made the call a footnote to failure. Defensive coordinator **Patrick Graham** was hurt by key mistakes in the closing seconds by the players he counts on most of all. **C**

— Paul Schwartz



Engram takes the fall after he drops the ball

UP, UP & AWAY! Evan Engram is flipped upside down after trying to leap over Eagles defender Cre'von LeBlanc during the Giants' 22-21 loss Thursday night in Philadelphia.

Getty Images

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

PHILADELPHIA — A potentially season-changing win slipped through the Giants' fingers.

More precisely, through Evan Engram's fingers.

The tight end blessed with great physical talent that he can't seem to unlock had a chance to make one of the biggest plays of his career Thursday, but he dropped a pass that would have helped the Giants run out the clock in a game that became a heartbreaking 22-21 loss to the Eagles.

"One hundred percent I've got to make that play," Engram said. "It's a sucky feeling right now."

Everything went wrong for the Giants on all sides of the ball in the final six minutes, but Engram is the face of frustration for fans tired of being on the wrong end of a one-sided rivalry: eight straight losses to the Eagles, including three straight years of blowing double-digit leads at Lincoln Financial Field.

Engram also had a fastball from Daniel Jones deflect off his hands for an interception in the first half.

Engram didn't lack for accountability, especially in a world where postgame interviews are conducted through Zoom and it is easier than ever for all professional athletes to duck the tough questions usually faced in a locker room.

"It's not a good feeling not making that play and possibly putting the game on ice," Engram said. "We definitely let one get away."

The Giants blew a 21-10 lead in the final six minutes. After the Eagles scored to cut the deficit to five and used a timeout on defense to manage the clock, the Giants faced third-and-7 from their own 47-yard line.

Jones dropped a perfectly placed 25-yard sideline pass to Engram, who beat his defender off the line of scrimmage. Engram extended his arms but couldn't secure the catch, forcing the punt that set up the Eagles' winning touchdown drive.

"Got the [defensive] look we wanted, won on the inside fade," Engram said. "D.J. threw a great ball. Just didn't finish the play."

Jones tried to take some of the heat off his teammate.

"I've got to do a better job putting the ball in a better position," Jones said.

Engram has 26 catches for 223 yards and no touchdowns in seven games during a disappointing fourth season.

The Giants have resisted trade offers in the past on their 2017 first-round draft pick — this year's trade deadline is Nov. 3 — waiting for the breakthrough believed to be on the cusp if he could avoid the rash of injuries that cut short his last two seasons. Well, he's healthy now.

"I thought he made plays to keep us in the game and bring us back when we were down and struggling on offense," coach Joe Judge said. "He's a guy we have to keep involved in our offense. We have to keep getting him targets."

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**Giants' hopes
of contending
in NFC East
dashed by late
choke in Philly**

BACK TO THE BOTTOM

JUST OUT OF REACH: Eagles running back Boston Scott reaches out past the outstretched arm of Jabrill Peppers to score the game-winning touchdown in the final minute of Philadelphia's 22-21 victory against the Giants on Thursday night at Lincoln Financial Field.

AP



GIANTS BLITZ

by Ryan Dunleavy

HERO

A guy named Boston playing for Philadelphia beat New York. Running back **Boston Scott's** 18-yard touchdown catch in the final minute provided the winning points.



UNSUNG HERO

Longtime Eagles pass-rusher **Brandon Graham** sacked Daniel Jones and forced a fumble recovered by teammates to make sure the Giants couldn't get into late field-goal range for a prayer at winning the game with Graham Gano's strong leg.



ZERO

Giants rookie left tackle **Andrew Thomas** was back in the starting lineup after punitive benching, but he was just as bad as he's been all season. The No. 4 pick in the 2020 draft can't hold up against physical one-on-one edge rushers, allowing at least two sacks to the naked eye.

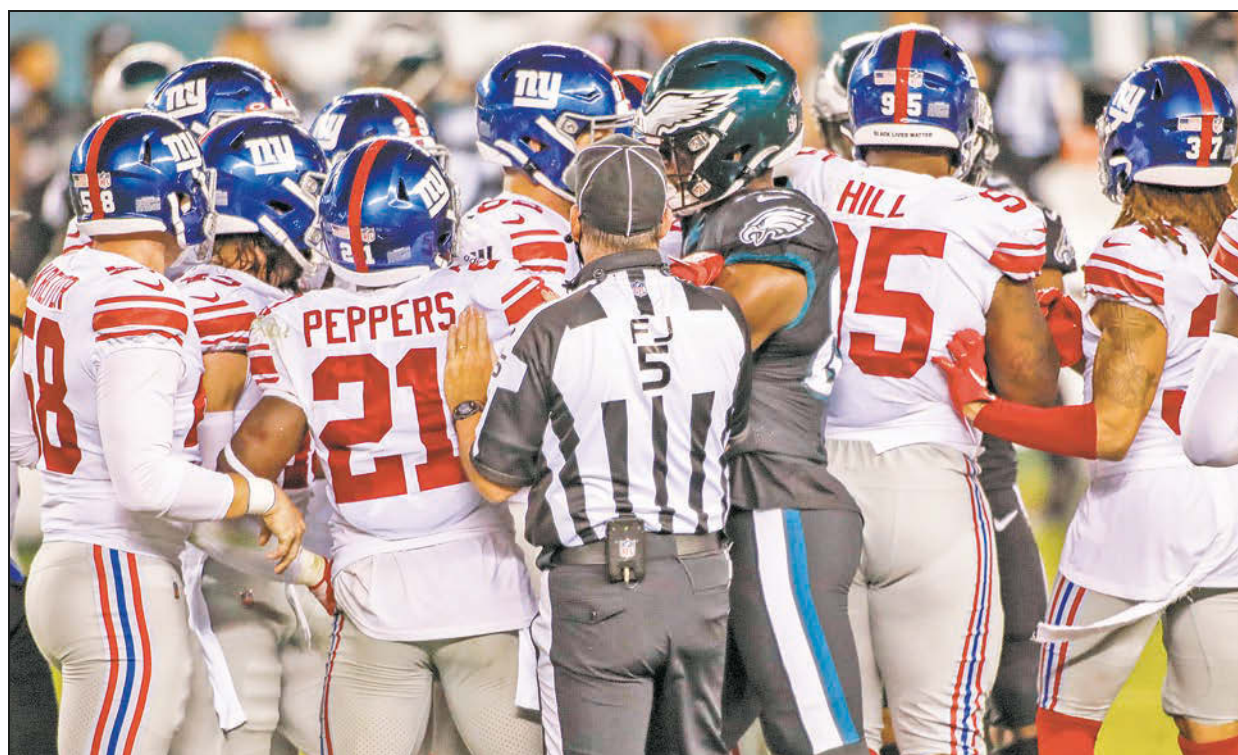
KEY STAT

44 Plays for the Giants defense (compared to 20 for the offense) in the first half, which left them out of gas in the second half.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

We know it's a game we should have won. I let the team down. I take that on the chin.

— **Jabrill Peppers**, after he allowed the game-winning TD catch by **Boston Scott**.



OLD FOES: An official tries to break up a third-quarter scuffle between the Giants and Eagles. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

How did the Giants blow a game Thursday night?

How didn't they?

Turning what should have been certain victory — a rousing victory — into utter despair and failure, the Giants did everything wrong down the stretch at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. They allowed a 21-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter to slip through their fingers — Evan Engram, we're looking at you — and were beaten in desultory fashion 22-21 by the Eagles in a game that the losing team will not soon forget.

"It's just a sucky feeling ... it really sucks right now," a downcast Engram said.

"It's a tough one for us to swallow for sure," Daniel Jones said. "We got to find a way to finish games on offense. We had the ball there, we have to finish with the ball."

The Giants should have finished off with the ball and finished off the Eagles, should have somehow, some way plowed into contention in the moribund NFC East. That they did not will haunt them, just as the long, distasteful litany of losses in this series is haunting to the franchise and its fans.

"Nothing I can say right now is going to make anyone feel better about how the game turned out," said first-year head coach Joe Judge after his Philadelphia homecoming was ruined with this collapse. "We're not going to make any excuses to the fans."

"I'm not going to ask them to be patient, it's not your job to be patient."

The final dagger came with 40 seconds remaining, when Carson Wentz found Boston Scott on a first-and-goal from the 18-yard line for a touchdown,

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Scott running away from safety Jabrill Peppers down the right sideline.

When the game was there to be won, the players the Giants count on most of all let them down. Engram. Peppers. Key penalties on James Bradberry and Logan Ryan.

"With everything that happened in the game, we were still in a position to

close out the game and I didn't make the play," Peppers said. "It hurts, but I'm a man, I'll take it on the chin. I'll learn from it and make sure that it never happens again."

The Giants should have sealed the deal. They were ahead 21-16 when on third down offensive coordinator Jason Garrett called the perfect play. Engram ran free down the field and Jones hit him in stride. Engram reached out and the ball fell through his hands. If he makes the catch, the Giants could have run out the clock. Instead, the ball went back to the Eagles.

"We got the look we wanted," Engram said. "I won on the inside fade, D.J. threw a great ball and I just didn't finish the play. One hundred percent, I got to make that play."

The one-week respite from losing turned out to be just that. Edging Washington 20-19 last week allowed the Giants (1-6) to pull within one-half game of first place in their lousy division. The charade of contention took a hit with this loss.

This is the continuation of Eagles domination that started with Tom Coughlin and continued through Ben McAdoo, Pat Shurmur and now Judge. The Giants have lost eight consecutive

games in this series and 12 times in the last 13 meetings. The last time the Giants won at the Linc was almost exactly seven years ago — Oct. 27, 2013.

This might have been the worst of all.

Jones tripped over his own feet on a wild 80-yard run to the Eagles' 8-yard line, a highlight (and lowlight) that will be shown for years to come. Jones was saved further indignity when Wayne Gallman scored to put the Giants ahead 14-10 in the third quarter.

"Yeah, I don't know, tried to run faster than I was running and kind of got caught up," Jones said. "We finished the drive and scored a touchdown. That was a relief for me, for sure."

Jones' touchdown pass to Sterling Shepard, returning after missing four games with a turf toe injury, made it 21-10 with 6:17 remaining.

The anatomy of a disaster followed.

Cornerback Ryan Lewis failed to make a play on the ball on a rainbow to John Hightower that went for 59 yards, leading to Wentz's scoring flip to Greg Ward to make it 21-16. The Giants stopped the two-point conversion try when Dexter Lawrence swallowed up Wentz.

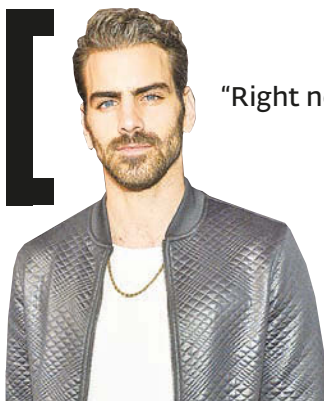
The Giants got the ball back with 4:34 remaining. Then came the Engram drop.

Earlier, Jones was intercepted when on a quick slant, the ball glanced off the hand of Engram, a deflection that a diving Jalen Mills plucked for the turnover. Jones also connected with Golden Tate on a 39-yard touchdown hookup to pull the Giants even at 7.

It was all prelude to a meltdown.

"The focus isn't on frustration, the focus is on correcting mistakes and moving forward," Judge said. "That's really where we have to steer it as a team."

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NYLE DiMARCO WHAT I'M WATCHING

"Right now I'm watching 'Pen15.' I can't tell you how much I love it. It's the first show that I've ever watched and felt like, 'Wow, that actually was my middle school experience.' And seeing that through the lens of being a girl is so cool."

— Nyle DiMarco executive produces "Deaf U" on Netflix

TV Friday

FALL FAVORITES

A guide to when crowd-pleasing fall shows are returning

By LAUREN SARNER

EVEN as the world has changed, the Pearson family is returning — and so is Baby Yoda. Pandemic-related production delays have shaken up the TV schedule, forcing networks to get creative and even resurrect some cancelled shows. Others got the ax sooner than planned, such as ABC's "Stumptown" and Netflix's "GLOW." But a host of fall TV staples are slated to come back, and they've never felt more like comfort food.

Here's your essential guide to the returning crowd favorites this season.

"Black-ish,"
Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. on ABC
Season 7 of "Black-ish" came back Oct. 21, continuing to follow the antics of Dre (Anthony Anderson), Rainbow (Tracee Ellis Ross) and the rest of the Johnson family. If you were confused about when the show officially returned, that's because it had a two-part "Election Special" episode that aired Oct. 4 ahead of Season 7's premiere.

"Superstore,"
Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. on NBC

Season 6 of the popular workplace comedy will return with a surprise: Although star America

Ferrera had announced her departure from the show, she's not leaving as soon as she planned. Amy (Ferrera) will be in two episodes this season, which will also include a storyline about how the coronavirus pandemic is impacting the Cloud 9 world.

"This Is Us,"
Oct. 28 at 9 p.m. on NBC

After a seven-month hiatus forced by production delays, the Pearson family is finally back, kicking off Season 5 with a two-hour premiere. This season of America's favorite tearjerker will begin with Kevin (Justin Hartley), Kate (Chrissy Metz) and Randall (Sterling K. Brown) celebrating their 40th birthdays.

"The Mandalorian,"
Oct. 30 on Disney+

Almost a year after Season 1 premiered last November and social media went ga-ga for Baby Yoda, the first live-action "Star Wars" show returns, along with the adventures of the Child, aka a Baby Yoda and Mando (Pedro Pascal, "Game of Thrones"). Although Disney has not officially announced Season

2's new cast members, it's been widely reported that Rosario Dawson, Timothy Olyphant and Katee Sackhoff ("Battlestar Galactica") are joining.

"S.W.A.T.,"
Nov. 11 on CBS

Shawn Ryan's spinoff to his hit, "The Shield," returns for its fourth season, which will continue to follow Daniel

"Hondo" Harrelson (Shear Moore, "Criminal Minds") and his team. The season kicks off with Hondo and the gang investigating whether an international crime lord has resurfaced.

"The Crown,"
Nov. 15 on Netflix

Season 4 of the hit royal drama returns, continuing Olivia Colman's reign as Queen Elizabeth II and Tobias Menzies as Prince Philip. (A swan song for both actors, as Jonathan Pryce will play Philip in the show's final two seasons while Imelda Staunton will take over as Elizabeth.) This season will add two new faces: Newcomer Emma Corrin will play the young Princess Diana, and Gillian Anderson ("The X-Files") will play Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"Law & Order: SVU,"
Nov. 12 at 9 p.m. on NBC

The world might have changed as the pandemic rages on, but TV stalwart "Law & Order: SVU" com-fortingly goes on. Season 22 will continue to follow Olivia Benson (Mariska Hargitay) and her team into history — as the show is now the longest-running live-action primetime series in TV history.



Olivia Colman in "The Crown"



Mariska Hargitay from "Law & Order: SVU"



The Child, aka 'Baby Yoda' on "The Mandalorian"

A 'NASH' CLASH

Niecy Nash (below) has signed on to host her own daytime syndicated talk show. Best known for her acting on "When They See Us" (which she got an Emmy nod for) and "Claws," Nash won a Daytime Emmy for hosting Style Network's "Clean House" from 2003-2010.



Dancing Queen A TV reboot of classic 1983 movie "Flashdance" is in development at CBS All Access. A box office hit grossing over \$200 million, the movie launched Jennifer Beals (right). While it hasn't been announced if she'll be involved, the series will have a similar plot to the movie, following a woman with ballet dreams and a gritty reality.

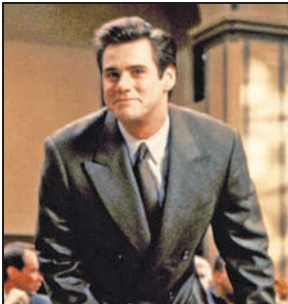


CUTTING EDGE

2018 Winter Olympics breakout star Adam Rippon (right) is co-creating a figure skating comedy at NBC. It will be set in the world of adult figure skating, featuring ambitious characters who lack talent.



What's on Tonight



MOVIE
Liar Liar: 3:50 p.m. on VHI. Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney. A lawyer breaks a promise to his son, whose wish to have his father tell the truth for an entire day comes true.



MOVIE
Scream 2: 4 p.m. on FREFRM. David Arquette, Neve Campbell. A murderer is striking Windsor College leaving Dewey to save the town once again.



MOVIE
The Gentlemen: 6 p.m. on SHO. Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam. An American builds a profitable marijuana business in London.

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Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2	WCBS	2	2	2	CBS News Norah	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Big Brother: Julie Chen Moonves hosts live vote.	Undercover Boss: Wan Kim faces a trying rush. (R)		Blue Bloods: Reinstating officer. (R)		CBS 2 News at 11PM	(11:35) Late Show
4	WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	All Access	American Ninja Warrior: "Salmon Ladder" and "Warped Wall." (R)			Dateline NBC		News 4 New York at 11	(11:35) Tonight Show
5	WNYW	5	5	5	25 Words or Less	Extra	FOX Pregame Live.	2020 World Series: Game 3: Los Angeles Dodgers vs Tampa Bay Rays from Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. Live.					FOX 5 News at 10	The Big Bang Theory
7	WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank: A body builder pitches a snack.	20/20: Details are shared about a jailhouse informant who has sent men to death row.				News	(11:35) Kimmel Live
9	WWOR	9	9	9	The Big Bang Theory	Family Feud	Family Feud (R)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent: Missing wife.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent: Obsessed doctor.	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)		Family Feud	Family Feud (R)
11	WPIX	11	11	11	The Goldbergs	black-ish	black-ish	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion (R)	Animals	Animals (R)	PIX11 News at Ten with Fadal and Chambers	Seinfeld: Heart attack.	Seinfeld
13	WNET	13	13	13	BBC World News	The PBS NewsHour		Washington Week	Firing Line	American Masters: Champion of modern American music.		Beyond CANVAS (R)	Amanpour and Company	
21	WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Metro	Mack	A Place to Call Home (R)	Manor Born	The Sunset	Delicious: Revenge. (R)		Metro	BBC World
25	WNYE	25	22	25	Report	Film Short	Film-Maker	Lost LA	Build Ser	To Be Announced: Info unavailable.		TBA	To Be Announced	
31	WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) SVU	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU	
41	WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe		Médicos, línea de vida	Imperio de mentiras	Dulce ambición			Noticias 41	Noticiero
47	WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	El Domo del Dinero: El gran		premio.	Todo por mi hija	Falsa identidad			Noticiero	Noticias
55	WLNY	55	10	10	Queens	Man	Man	Drew Barrymore	WLNY News at 9PM	Judge Judy	Judge Judy		Girls	Girls
A&E		46	46	181	First 48 (R)	The First 48 (R)		The First 48 (R)	Live Rescue				The First 48 (R)	
AMC		54	43	231	(6:00) Bride of Chucky (1998) R ★★	Seed of Chucky (2004): Dolls kill movie. Jennifer Tilly.		Curse of Chucky (2013): Mysterious deaths. R ★★½						
BET		37	54	270	All About the Benjamins (2002): Witnessing a crime.	Anaconda (1997): A film crew faces a man-eating snake. PG-13 ★★		Payne (R)		Assisted				
BBCAM		71	101	189	(5:30) Psycho (1960): Motel murders. NR	The Birds (1963): Mysterious birds attack plague town. Rod Taylor, Tippi Hedren.		Graham Norton Show						
BRAVO		18	44	185	(6:32) The Break-Up (2006): Exes' condo fight.	Jennifer Aniston. ★★½		(8:51) Miss Congeniality (2000): Undercover beauty.		Miss Congeniality (2000)				
CNBC		15	24	102	Money	The News		American Greed: Scams		American Greed: Scams			American Greed: Scams	
CNN		78	25	100	Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		CNN Tonight with Don			CNN Tonight with Don	
COM		45	50	190	The Office	The Office		Schitt's	Schitt's	Schitt's	The Office		Daily Show	South Park
DIS		49	31	250	Descendants 3 (2019): Isle of the Lost.	Raven		Just Roll	BUNK'D (R)	BUNK'D (R)	BUNK'D (R)	Raven (R)	Raven (R)	Just Roll
DSC		66	27	120	Gold Rush	Gold Rush: Claim		Gold Rush: Gold prices spike to record highs.					Gold Rush: Kids' future.	
E!		24	51	196	(6:00) Monster-In-Law (2005) PG-13 ★★	(8:15) Monster-In-Law (2005): Disagreeable mother. Jennifer Lopez.		Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) R ★★						
ESPN		28	36	70	Sports	Countdown		College Football: Tulsa Golden Hurricane at South Florida Bulls. Live.		SportsCenter				
ESPN2		29	35	74	(6:00) Daily	Baseball Tonight		NFL Live	High School Football: Hamilton Huskies at Saguardo Sabercats. Live.					
FBN		43	106	117	Evening Ed	Lou Dobbs Tonight (R)		The Evening Edit (R)	Wall Street	WSJ Large	Roundtable	Wall Street	WSJ Large	Roundtable
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FREFRM		38	49	199	Beetlejuice (1988): New ghosts adjust. PG ★★½	Sleepy Hollow (1999): NYC investigator looks into beheadings. ★★							The 700 Club (R)	
FS1		400	99	83	(5:30) Skip	Pregame	NFL Films	WWE Friday Night SmackDown Live.		WWE Talking Smack			WWE Replay.	
FX		10	40	53	(6:00) Trolls (2016): Rescue mission. PG	Hotel Transylvania 2 (2015): Dracula's father. PG ★★		Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (2018) ★★½						
HALL			191	240	(6:00) Christmas Under the Stars (2019)	Christmas at the Plaza (2019): Archival historian.		Picture a Perfect Christmas (2019) Merritt Patterson.						
HGTV		64	98	165	Bryan Inc.	Bryan Inc. (R)		Bizarre	Bizarre	Big Easy	Big Easy	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)
HIST		40	47	128	Aliens (R)	Monsterquest (R)		Dragons (R)	Predators of the Deep		(10:03) Ancient Aliens (R)		(11:05) Ancient Aliens (R)	
ID		23	171	123	Murder (R)	Murder Comes (R)		48 Hours on ID (R)	48 Hours on ID		48 Hours on ID (R)		48 Hours on ID (R)	
LIFE		62	45	140	(6:00) Christmas Unleashed (2019)	Christmas on Ice (2020): Unexpected love.		(10:03) Christmas a La Mode (2019): Dairy farmer.						
MeTV		33	33	3	Happy Days	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Pyle	Acres	Hogan	Hogan	P. Mason
MSG		27	87	78	Red Bulls	NY Giants	DraftKings Fantasy Hour	The Ten: Heartbreaks		Tennis		Complex Shorts (R)	NBA Basketball Replay.	
MSG Plus		48	88	80	DraftKings	Prime Time Action Live.		DraftKings Fantasy Hour		NY Giants		NY Giants	NY Giants	
MSNBC		14	23	103	Ari Melber	The ReidOut		All in with Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour	
MTV		20	53	210	(5:08) Breaking Dawn, P1	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 2 (2012): A daughter. ★★½		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NATGEO		65	162	121	Incredible	The Incredible Dr. Pol		The Incredible Dr. Pol	The Incredible Dr. Pol		The Incredible Dr. Pol		The Incredible Dr. Pol	
NICK		6	121	252	Loud House	SpongeBob	It's Pony	ALVINN!	SpongeBob	Unleashed	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends
OWN		173	180	145	Tamron	Ready to Love (R)		Ready to Love (R)	Ready to Love				Put A Ring On It	
PARMT		36	56	54	Men	Man on Fire (2004): Former assassin protects child. Denzel Washington. R ★★½		GoodFellas (1990): Life of a mobster. Robert De Niro.						
SNY		26	60	77	Prospects	Prospects	Prospects	Prospects	Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Yeah ...	Sports	Sports
SYFY		17	48	180	G.I. Joe ★★½	(6:58) Zombieland (2009): Zombie killers. R ★★½		Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015): Powerful robotic villain's evil plans. PG-13 ★★½						
TBS		8	39	52	Family Guy	Central Intelligence (2016): Unlikely partners. ★★		(9:15) Black Panther (2018): African king is challenged by a rival. PG-13 ★★						
TCM		82	41	230	(6:00) The Drowning Pool (1975) PG ★★½	Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954)		The Blob (1958): Blob eats unwary. ★★½		(11:15) The Tinger (1959)				
TLC		52	28	139	90 Day (R)	The Family Chantel (R)		90 Day Fiance: The Other Way: Yazan's romance.		90 Day	90 Day Fiance (R)		90 Day (R)	
TNT		3	37	51	Bones	Bones: Escaped mummy.		Transformers (2007): Robots bring ancient battle to Earth. Shia LaBeouf. ★★		Transformers: Revenge				
TVLAND		85	34	241	Andy	Andy		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	
USA		16	38	50	Chicago PD	Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.		(10:01) Chicago P.D.		Family	Family
VH1		19	52	217	Austin Powers in Goldmember (2002)	The 40-Year-Old Virgin (2005): Virgin & celibate. Steve Carell. R ★★		The Longest Yard (2005) Adam Sandler.						
WE		59	42	149	Order: CI	Love After Lockup (R)		Love After Lockup (R)	Love After Lockup		(10:01) Bridezillas (R)		(11:01) Love After Lockup	
YES		53	89	76	M. Kay	College Field Hockey Taped.		Women's College Volley Taped.					Wom. Volleyball Taped.	
EPIX		595	395		What Men	(7:15) Sleepless in Seattle (1993): Son plays cupid.		Easy A (2010): Virginity lie. PG-13 ★★		(10:35) Fighting With My Family (2019)				
HBO		511	301	400	Lovecraft	(7:20) Ford v Ferrari (2019): An American car designer. Matt Damon. PG-13 ★★½		Real Time w/Bill Maher		How To		Real Time		
MAX		531	371	420	(6:45) The Return (2006) PG-13 ★★	(8:15) The Quarry (2020): Criminal drifter. R ★★		Warrior		Warrior (R)		The Watch		
SHO		551	321	365	(6:00) The Gentlemen (2020) R ★★½	ALL ACCESS		American Selfie: One (2020)		21 Bridges (2019): A citywide hunt. ★★½				

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